

November 3, 1965

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Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of October 30th has been received.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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October 30, 1965

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am a [redacted] student at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. I am writing this letter to you for information on a topic that is of current interest in the United States-namely the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. What I would like to know is exactly what legal status this organization has as far as the Federal Bureau of Investigation is concerned and what official views you as Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation can express on this matter.

Very Respectfully,

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Mr. Thomas J. Davis
Regional Manager, Public Relations
The John Birch Society, Incorporated
New York Regional Office
Room 202
180 East Post Road
White Plains, New York

Dear Mr. Davis:

Your letter of October 26th has been received, and I want to thank you for your generous comments concerning my administration of the FBI.

In response to your request, I am enclosing two copies of the FBI Annual Report.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover



Enclosures (2)

1 - New York - Enclosure

NOTE: There is no derogatory information in Bureau files concerning Mr. Davis and we last corresponded with him on 1-7-65. In 1963 the Albany Office advised that Davis is the self-professed major coordinator of the John Birch Society.

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

INCORPORATED

Belmont, Massachusetts 02178

New York Regional Office

Room 202

180 East Post Road
White Plains, New York

October 26, 1965

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Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

John Birch Society

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

While in Washington last week, I read accounts of the current annual report of the Federal Bureau of Investigation with keen interest.

Accordingly, I am very interested in securing two copies of the FBI Annual Report just released, and would appreciate your help in my being able to obtain them.

I continue to look upon the Bureau and its work with tremendous pride and admiration. Its efforts, under your direction, have so obviously been instrumental in preserving the security of the United States of America. God bless you and keep you strong.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Davis

Thomas J. Davis

Reg. Mgr., Public Relations

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cc: Mr. John H. Rousselot

(signed by Miss [redacted] in Mr. Davis' absence)

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John J. Davis

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[Redacted]
Kalamazoo, Michigan

Dear [Redacted]

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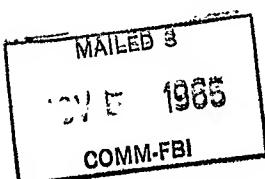
Your letter of October 31st has been received.

With respect to your inquiries, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Further, it is contrary to my long-standing policy to comment on material not prepared by personnel of this Bureau. Therefore, I am certain you will understand why I cannot comment specifically as you have suggested; however, you may be assured I have not endorsed the book in question.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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Lets Fight Communism Sanely
"The Faith of Free Men"

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1 - Detroit - Enclosure

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October 31, 1965

J. Edgar Hoover, Director of
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am writting this letter in regards to the book "NONE DARE CALL IT TREASON".

Several members of the John Birch Society have been trying to get me to read this book. They point out a statement by you on the back cover of the book, as an endorsement of this politically inspired book.

I would personally like from you or your staff a briefing in writting on this book and the answer to the following questions:

1. Is the Liberty Bell Press (publishing house) a legitimate publishing house and have they printed books other then the above mentioned book?
2. Is the book "None Dare Call It Treason", factual or is it politically inspired, quoting out of context, half statements and out of the Congressional records, which I understand that everything said in congress is printed.
3. Who are the powers behind the publishing of this book.

I feel that you or your office can supply with the factual information on this book and would appreciate your prompt reply.

Thank you

Kalamazoo, Michigan

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November 8, 1965

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[REDACTED]
Muskegon, Michigan

Dear [REDACTED]

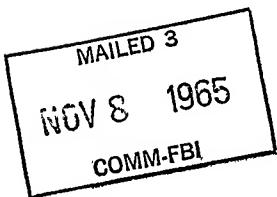
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J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: Previously [REDACTED] wrote concerning Dr. and Mrs.
Harry A. Overstreet, and our letter of 9-13-65 advised her
that this Bureau was strictly an investigative agency. She is
not further identifiable in Bufiles. "Mrs." is being used per
prior correspondence.

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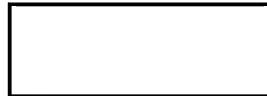
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Sincerely yours,



Muskegon, Michigan

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[Redacted] Muskegon, Michigan

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November 8, 1965

[Redacted]
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of November 4th has been received.

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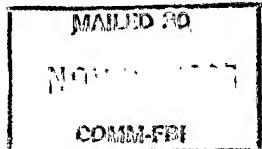
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Boston, Massachusetts
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The United States
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Gentlemen:

After reading John A. Stormer's "None Dare Call It Treason", I decided to experiment by writing to, The John Birch Society.

I received literature from the Society, some of which describes the United States of America as being a republic, not a democracy. I am not quite sure (just what the Society means by "republic".

I would like to know if The John Birch Society is Pro or Anti-Communist. They strongly uphold the late Senator Joseph Mc Carthy and his rather unorthodox methods of ferreting out Communistic persons within our Government.

Thank you for taking time to read my letter, and I sincerely hope that you will be able to answer my question.

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Very truly yours,

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November 9, 1965

EX-107

Mr. Ernest W. Stout
309 Southwest F Street
Richmond, Indiana

Dear Mr. Stout:

I received your letter of November 1st, and I am glad to know that you found my address, "The Faith of Free Men," of interest.

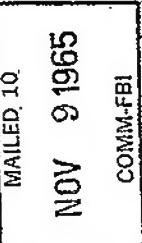
With respect to your inquiries, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I trust you understand the necessary reasons for this policy and why I cannot furnish you the names of communist individuals and organizations as you desire. You may wish to know, however, that this Bureau has never investigated the John Birch Society.

With respect to communist training schools, the FBI cannot prevent such activities under existing laws. This Bureau is always seeking intelligence information relating to subversive activities and always gathering evidence concerning violations of Federal laws, and we will continue to do everything within our power to discharge our responsibilities in the internal security field with the highest degree of thoroughness and dispatch.

With regard to the United States Government allowing the Communist Party, USA, to continue in existence and its membership taking refuge behind the Fifth Amendment, we, in the United States, live in a free society in which the freedoms of speech, thought and religion are hallmarks in the affairs of man. Within our framework of laws and government, communists are entitled to as many rights and privileges as are other individuals in this country. As a

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result, it is not a simple step to expel or outlaw those who subscribe to philosophies opposed to the principles and security of our Nation. I have continually emphasized we must remember that the communists would never allow us equal privileges if they controlled our country. We must never copy totalitarian methods of the communists.

Inasmuch as your inquiry regarding the mailing of communist literature is of interest to another governmental agency, I am referring a copy of your communication to the Chief Postal Inspector, Post Office Department, Washington, D. C.

Enclosed is literature which I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (2)

Excerpt from 1966 Appropriation Testimony regarding CP, USA Communism and the Knowledge to Combat It!

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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Richmond Indiana
Mon Nove 1st 1965

J. Edgar Hoover Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington. D. C.

Sir -

I had the very good pleasure of reading your address as delivered by you before the Supreme Council of Thirty-third Degree Masons, which appeared in our Richmond Palladium in two installments, as of Oct 24th and Oct 25th 1964, under caption The "Faith of Free Men." And I enjoyed, and appreciated it very much. I only hope that every reader of the Richmond Palladium read it also. If you dont mind I would like to ask a few questions. I am 70 years old and retired from a business that my wife and I operated at the same location for 34 years, a filling Station now called a Service Station. I have followed the Communist movement for a good many years , from the time that F. D. R. first recognized Communist Russia. and I said then that it was the beginning of the things that are happening from with in our Country now. I have been watching through the period of years the take over of one country after another from with in, and witch at present is now pretty close to our shores. I would like to ask you why it is that our Government permits the tons of Communist Propraganda to enter our Country and go through our mails to certain people in our United States? and why does our Government allow the Communist Party U.S. A to even be in existance? Take for instance the Communist training schools in various parts of our country that you referred to in your speech, why are they allowed to operate? Now those foregoing questions, I have had asked me and I couldn't seem to give a satisfieng answer. Also why cant there be something done about the communist refuseing to testify but instead take refuge behind the 5th Ammendment? But in Communist controlled countries you either talk or else, am I right. I am also a little puzzled over one part of your speech in which you said, "I refer to the pseudoliberals of extreme left. as well as the misguided zealots of the ultra right." and so forth. I wonder if you would name those people or organizations, so I will know what to read and what not to read. One more question. I have been reading quite a lot recently of the John Birch Society. And it seems like all of a sudden the press and members of Congress, had brought down the Rath of Hell on their Oranization. I have. read a lot of their litature, and all I can find out about them is that they are really fighting communism.

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What is your opinion of the John Birch Society? I am not a member of Same.
I hope you can grant me said favor. If you have any pamphlets on
communism I would appreciate them also.

Very Truly Yours.

Ernest W Stout
309 So W F st
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Richmond Indiana

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Ernest W. Storch
309 SOWEST
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Oct 11-9-65
Rec'd by [signature] 11-8-65

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

DATE: Oct 18, 1965

Pages 26138-26141. Senator Dodd, (D) Connecticut, spoke concerning the proposed consular convention between the United States and Russia, and the question of trade with Communist countries. He pointed out that charges have been made that the John Birch Society and other extremist groupings are responsible for the mounting opposition to the ratification of the consular convention and for the cancellation of the Goodyear Rubber contract to build a synthetic rubber plant for the Rumanian Communist government. He stated "Despite the inflated estimates put out by the John Birch Society about their ability to influence Congress, I am absolutely certain that the John Birch Society has about as much influence in the Halls of Congress as the Ku Klux Klan." Mr. Dodd set forth his reasons for opposing the consular convention.

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for Oct 15, 1965 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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Ocean Springs, Mississippi 39564

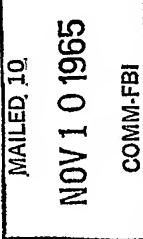
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[REDACTED]
Ocean Springs, Miss.
39564
November 5, 1965

Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Sirs:

I am writing this letter of inquiry to determine the credibility of the facts I have heard concerning the John Birch Society. At this time, I am not a member of the Society, but if it is the truth that it is truly American and Anti-Communist, dedicated to enlightening the public through legal means of the truth concerning Communist infiltration, I do intend to join if they will accept me.

Therefore, I would sincerely appreciate it if you would either send me some documented proof of its legitimacy or inform me of where I can obtain material concerning the Birch Society that will be truthful.

Respectfully

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[Redacted]
Newark, New Jersey 07105

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Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
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Newark, N. J.
Nov. 6th, 1965

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover

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Sir:

I know that you are a very busy man but you are the one to set me straight.

I am a Catholic and a member of the John Birch Society for about 4 years now.

The Birch society is Anti-communist and so am I.

The Birch society is smeared, condemned, lied about, by liberals, and other left wing groups and now the politicians.

They are called subversive, communist, hate groups, nuts and etc.

I see nothing wrong with the Birch Society, they are Patriotic, decent, law abiding people. They believe in reading good books and recommending them to others like your book, "Masters of Deceit" and by writing letters to Senators, Congressmen, and other politicians.

*What is your stand on the John Birch Society, and what do you think of them?

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*Do you recommend that I get out?

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*Hoping to get a reply from you. ?

Respectfully yours,

[REDACTED]
Newark, N. J. -- 07105

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION



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Nov. 6th, 1965

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Newark, N.J. - 07105

November 16, 1965

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REC-39

Peoria, Illinois

Dear

Your letter of November 8th has been received

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I am enclosing a copy of my recent speech, which I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure
"The Faith of Free Men"

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Peoria, Illinois
November 8, 1965

J. Edgar Hoover
Director of F.B.I.
Dept. of Justice
Constitution Ave. and 10th St., NW.
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

For my college term paper I have chosen to write on the John Birch Society; to find out what it stands for, its beliefs, how it works, its public as well as private activities.

I would appreciate any information your organization can send to me regarding the society.

Thank you for your time and trouble.

Sincerely yours,

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November 16, 1965

EX 110
REC- 69 62-100001-2718

[redacted]
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear [redacted]

I have received your telegram of November 15th, and the interest which prompted your communication is appreciated.

I would like to point out that information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you requested. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Rochelle Park, New Jersey

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of November 11th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you requested. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

I would like to point out that this Bureau is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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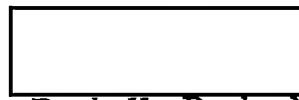
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Dear Mr. Hoover -

Much discussion has been centered on the John Birch Society and I have read many leaflets pro and con about it.

However, I would appreciate your official declaration as to whether this organization is solely designed as they profess to 1. Promote more individual responsibility 2.. Less government and 3. a better world and, if they have followed through with this plan, or if they have been sidetracked, for good or bad, (and, I'd like your opinion here also), on a track designed to fight a so called international Communist conspiracy or are adding more confusion in a confused world.

Thank you sincerely -



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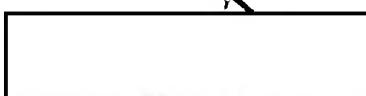
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Dover, New Jersey 07801

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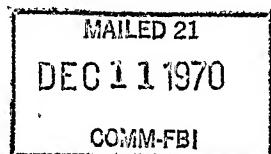
In reply to your letter of December 7th, I am unable to furnish the data you are seeking; however, I can tell you the FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Our files contain no record of correspondent.

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Dover, N. J. 07801

Dear Sir:

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O I would appreciate information concerning the John Birch Society. I would never join an organization that would in any way whatsoever destroy the American way of life. I have heard that it was a Communist, radical also against Catholic and Negroes. Please give me what information that would give me satisfaction concerning the above.

Thank you

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Thank you

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Nov 17 1965

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East Detroit, Michigan

Dear [Redacted]

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I have received the letter of November 12th from you and your husband, and I am always pleased to hear from persons concerned about threats posed to our freedoms by the menace of communism. The kind sentiments you expressed concerning my work are indeed appreciated.

I am glad to know that you have read "Masters of Deceit." Perhaps you will want to read another of my books, "A Study of Communism." This was written to furnish readers an analysis of international communist practices and contrasts totalitarian methods with life in a free country. It may be available at your local library. I would like to point out that the book, "The Enemy Within," was not written by me.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you requested. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Several books are listed in the FBI library under the title "The Enemy Within." This correspondent apparently referred to a book written by Robert F. Kennedy which was published during 1960. This text is partly autobiographical although the internal security of the U.S. is discussed. Another book having

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

About a year ago my husband and I read your books "Masters of Deceit" and "The Enemy Within". After reading these two books, and by watching certain events taking place over the past twenty five years, we realized that the Communist Conspiracy was a very serious threat to our Country.

We decided we could be more effective in fighting this Diabolical Conspiracy by joining an Organization that seemed to be doing that.

We have been members of the John Birch Society for over a year now, and so far as we know their only aim is in educating the people to the dangers of Communism. Could you tell us if your Federal Bureau of Investigation has found anything wrong with the John Birch Society that is detrimental to this Country. If so we shall resign from the Organization immediately. We respect you as one of the most patriotic men in America today. We therefore trust your judgement.

Respectfully,

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John Birch Society

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ENCLOSURE



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Seattle, Washington
October 29, 1965In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

RE: [redacted]

Information has been received from a source, whose reliability is unknown to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This source advised that [redacted] had recently moved to Renton, Washington from the [redacted] block of [redacted] Seattle, and is a member of the John Birch Society.

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This source stated that [redacted] is in the Army Reserves at Fort Lewis, Washington, and has for some time been bringing ammunition home and has enough at the present time to supply 15 to 20 men. Source states that [redacted] claims to be making an arsenal for his associates in the John Birch Society and is making arrangements to get guns. Source further advised that [redacted] has medical supplies including battle dressings, morphine shots, and has a box that can be dropped out of a plane. Source stated his wife had seen hand grenades at the [redacted] residence and that [redacted] frequently carries a .45 pistol.

The records of [redacted] reflect that [redacted] had been employed by this company on a temporary classification as an [redacted] that he had served in the United States Army from [redacted] to [redacted] when he received an honorable discharge. He is married and his draft classification is [redacted]. He was born [redacted] at [redacted] and is six feet 3/4 inch tall, weight 167 pounds, and has brown hair and eyes.

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ENCLOSURE

November 11, 1965

Mr. Nicholas deB. Katzenbach
Attorney General of the United States
Department of Justice
Constitution Avenue
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Various rumors persist in the Washington, D. C. area that your office intends to conduct some type of investigation of The John Birch Society. This letter is written simply to let you know that other offices would be more than happy to co-operate with you in all possible ways, if such an investigation is either underway or being contemplated.

As a former Member of Congress, and on the basis of the many distorted and twisted statements which have been made about us, I can well appreciate that your office could be encouraged to carry out an in-depth investigation of The John Birch Society.

So that you can be appropriately apprised of the many activities of our organization, I am enclosing for your reference the following materials which you may find helpful:

1. The Blue Book of The John Birch Society
 2. A sixteen-page advertising supplement on The John Birch Society which has now appeared in over thirty newspapers across the country
 3. The November Bulletin of the Society
 4. A booklist of suggested materials



THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
2627 Mission Street
San Marino, California 91108

Mr. Nicholas deB. Katzenbach
November 11, 1965
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5. The November issue of American Opinion magazine (this is not an official publication of The John Birch Society; American Opinion publishes a wide spectrum of conservative opinion, not always representative of the Society)

I would very much appreciate a response from you, indicating what actions, if any, you are taking in this regard and specific ways our office can be of assistance to you, in the event you are already in the process of conducting such an investigation.

Kind regards,

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John H. ~~Rousselot~~
Director - Public Relations

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cc: J. Edgar Hoover,
Robert Welch
Reed A. Benson

The John Birch Society
2627 Mission Street
San Marino, California

REC-28 62-104401-2922

November 19, 1965

[REDACTED]
Elmhurst, Illinois

Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of November 15th, and I appreciate the many kind sentiments expressed regarding my work and that performed by the FBI. It was indeed good of you to comment so favorably regarding the television program, "The FBI." I am enclosing a copy of my recent speech, and I hope this will be of interest to you.

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I would like to point out that I have no intention of retiring, and it is my desire to remain in my present capacity as long as I can be of service to our Nation.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure
"The Faith of Free Men"

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NOTE: We have had prior correspondence with [REDACTED] and our last letter to her on 10-31-61 revealed that she was not identifiable in Bufiles. Her inquiry concerned the threat posed by communism.

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Dear Mr Hoover

A few years ago I wrote you and expressed my gratitude that our country has a man as devoted to such high principles as you are. Lately though I've been concerned with our countrys apathy toward communism, and the increase of communists in our government. Also-- please forgive me--to your successor whenever you retire. Truthfully I believe some of our leaders are blind and think only of themselves. Oh how I wish somehow you could be the one to choose your successor-- no one else. You are one of the few leaders in our country I have great trust in. Forgive my saying I did not agree with your defense of some of the secret service men in President Kennedys death-- however perhaps you had more information available to you which the general public did not.

I have another interest which I hope you can tell me about--The John Birch Society. Truthfully I think they are trying to do good, and to shake us from the lethargy of not recognizing communism. Can you please send me some information what the F. B. I. think of them--please.

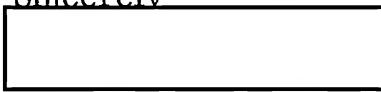
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May God go with you--the F. B. I. and our country

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Sincerely



Elmhurst, Illinois.

P. S. I've talked to many people who may have doubts about some police, however the F. B. I. is synonymous. with are things good.
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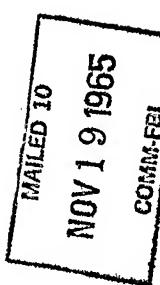
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Aurora, Colorado 80010

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J. Edgar Hoover



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Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Washington, D. C.

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Gentlemen:

Would you please send me any literature you have
for or against the John Birch Society.

I, also, would be especially interested in any opinion
or conclusion arriving from any investigation made by your bureau
of this society.

Yours truly,

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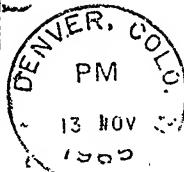
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Yours truly

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November 16, 1965

Honorable Justice

Supreme Court of the Uni

Dear Sirs,

It is with deep regret that I feel I must write to you for an explanation of a decision which you have just rendered. This is the decision which in effect says that because of the Fifth Amendment to our Constitution, communists in this country do not have to register. My understanding is that this was a unanimous vote.

I am a member of the John Birch Society. I have just completed two months of strenuous campaigning for a seat on the Cleveland School Board. My personal opinion is that the fact that I am a member of this fine organization had no bearing on my desire to serve the children in the Cleveland schools. Moreover the opinion of the news media was the exact opposite. I finished sixth in a field of six. The fact that I received over 61,000 votes forced the opposition to discontinue the smear. This was done on an expenditure of less than \$60.00.

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Many times during the campaign people said to me, "If you had said you were a communist, you would have had a better press!" After hearing of your decision yesterday I realize that that they said must be all too true and undoubtedly all of you would be in accord.

The decisions which you have been rendering of late are making many people wonder if you have to be on the side of the communists to receive fair treatment in this country.

I am concerned about the future of our country or I wouldn't have joined the John Birch Society. Because of what happened to me during my campaign I now know that my concern is valid. Because of your decision on this case I will now proceed to put every effort behind one of the programs of this organization. I admit that here also I was not completely convinced of the grave danger to our country, but no longer, you have just proved beyond a doubt in my mind that the power which you wield and the way you are in my opinion distorting our laws and our Constitution poses a great threat to the freedom of those who love this country and want it to remain free from communist tyranny.

May I change the subject to say that I will be watching with much amusement to see what you have to say about the Sheppard Case. The average American is not yet aware of the dangers of communism in this country but everyone in this country has an opinion on the Sheppard Case and it is pretty evenly divided. You are bound to offend many ordinary citizens no matter how you decide.

Never before have I written a letter where I could find not one single nice thing to say. I have tried to be as mild as I know how. Please do something in the near future that I can commend so that I can write the kind of letter I like to write.

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REC-61 62-104401-2724

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Honorable J. Edgar Hoover Nov. 22, 1965 to let him know how he would have voted if he had been in your position. When you continue to make things easier for the communists in this country, how much more difficult must be the job of this fine American.

Respectfully,

November 22, 1965

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[REDACTED]
Pinellas Park, Florida 33565

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of November 14th has been received.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

O On frequent occasions I have heard that the John Birch Society is an organization dedicated to halting the international Communist conspiracy. The Society frequently quotes your books or speeches in order to amplify their points. The world communist organization claims that the biggest threat to their movement is the Birch Society.

In the light of these positions would you explain a few points to me?

Is the John Birch Society, in fact, dedicated to halting the advance of Communism? I cannot think of a specific instance where they have been instrumental in stopping this movement. They advocate impeaching Earl Warren and eliminating the United Nations. They seem to have proof that these cases are part of the Communist conspiracy. It is difficult to find out otherwise. Since they are the only sources of the "proof." Is the Society as effective as they say in the fight against Communists?

I would like your views on this. Please do not think that I ask for your endorsement of the Society or its condemnation. I'm asking as an American citizen who would like to see this country continue in the spirit of its ideals and traditions.

Thank you,

[redacted]
Friends Park, File 33565

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

On frequent occasions I have heard that the John Birch Society is an organization dedicated to halting the international Communist conspiracy. The Society frequently quotes your books or speeches in order to amplify their points. The world communist organization claims that the biggest threat to their movement is the Birch Society.

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November 23, 1965

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Bound Brook, New Jersey 08805

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of November 15th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you requested. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Paterson State College
Wayne, New Jersey

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Bound Brook, N. J.
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November 15, 1965

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am presently doing a paper concerning the John Birch Society. Since this group is very controversial, I would like to know, if it is at all possible, if their activities are detrimental to the welfare and safety of our country.

Yours truly,

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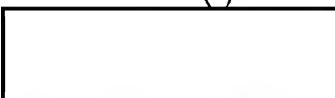
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November 24, 1965

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Los Altos, California 94022

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Los Altos, Calif.
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
F.B.I.,
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:-

In re: The John Birch soc.

I see so much in the Press recently about political organizations and political individuals going on record as not wanting to support and some of them even disavowing the above mentioned organization. Why?

Thanking you kindly in advance for any information you may be able to give me, I remain,

Yours truly,

FROM [REDACTED] 94022
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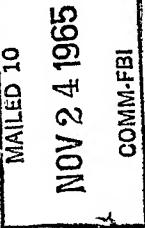
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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The time is fast approaching when we all must take a more active part in the running of this nation of ours.

For sometime my wife and myself have discussed the John Birch Society and its operations.

We believe the John Birch Society to be Nazi controlled and inspired and we are very much against their activities.

From your knowledge is the John Birch Society considered subversive? Is there any indication that it is connected in any way with the Nazi party? We realize your main objective is the Communist Party but we believe both are very much against the American principles. This is to notify you that I intend to accept an invitation to join the Birch Society with the express purpose of infiltration and possible future use of any knowledge gained of their operations.

I am an honorably discharged Veteran of World War II. I have a son in Viet Nam flying a helicopter and a son undergoing Demolition training who leaves for Japan in Jan.

Sincerely yours,

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/s/ [redacted]

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November 24, 1965

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San Leandro, California 94579

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J. Edgar Hoover

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Nov. 17, 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I would like to know if your department has ever made an investigation of the John Birch Society, and if so, do you have a report on the investigation. The newspapers seem to classify them along with the communists and I am wondering about the whole thing. I feel I can depend on your answer.

Yours truly,



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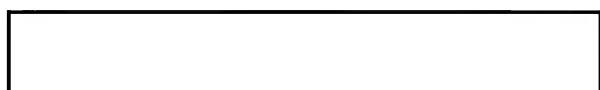
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San Leandro, Calif.

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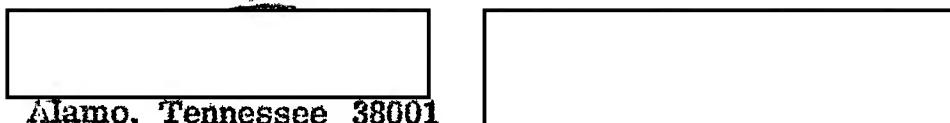
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Alamo, Tennessee 38001

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter was received on November 22nd.

You may be sure that the information you furnished will be made a matter of record in our files.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

1 - Memphis - Enclosure
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F. B. I Director J. Edgar Hoover
Washington D. C.

Sir:

I am taking this means of notifing you and your staff. that
I am this day placing a Subscription to the Communist Paper
the Worker.

My Reason for this action is, I am 100% ANTI
COMMUNIST, and I am a chapter Leader In the John Birch Society.
Therefore I want to Know first hand what the Communist have to
say to there people. In order that I may Informe my members
of planed action the Communist have, and do so knowingly, not
hearsay

I am also Informing the Local F. B. I. Director
of this action I am taking.

Thanks

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I am also informing the local F.B.I. Director of this action.

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November 24, 1965

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[Redacted]
Fruitport, Michigan 49415

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of November 19th has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you requested. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

I am enclosing a copy of my speech, "The Faith of Free Men," together with some other material, and I hope you will find this of interest. Perhaps you will also want to read my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism." These were written to help readers gain an insight into the true nature of communist activities, both in this country and abroad. They may be available at your local library.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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The Faith of Free Men
America's Ideals--Its Mark of Greatness
The Faith of Our Fathers
Shall It Be Law or Tyranny

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent. In view of the request made, it is felt that the enclosures sent should be furnished.

[Redacted]
Fruitport, Michigan, 49415

November 19, 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have, what I consider, a big decision to make, and so I have decided to come straight to you, in the hopes that you will be able to help me come to a much more intelligent decision.

Recently my husband and I have been doing a great deal of research work on the growth of Communism here in the United States and we are both appalled at what we are learning. Therefore, our next step is doing what we can to combat it.

We have looked into different organizations and the nearest one and the one which seems to be the most effective is the much-talked about John Birch Society. In the September 25 issue of Post, it states that you "have no respect" for the founder and head of this group, Robert Welch. Since we regard you as the greatest fighter of Communism here in the United States, all we want to know is: What do you think of the John Birch Society? Is it the most effective way to fight Communism? Or are there other organizations which we perhaps have not heard of which can help us to the same end?

Any suggestions or ideas which you can give us will be greatly appreciated. We look forward most anxiously to hearing from you.

Respectfully yours,

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THIS LETTER MAY NOT BE PUBLISHED EXCEPT IN ITS ENTIRETY

November 21, 1965

Houston 36, Texas

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Belmont
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Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
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Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

Letters to the Editor
The Virginian Pilot
Norfolk-Portsmouth Newspapers, Inc.
150 W. Brambleton Ave.
Norfolk, Virginia

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Dear Sir:

Some weeks ago (11-2-65) your paper published a letter, stated written by a "sane American who votes sensibly," which stated:
1) "I would like to know what a Conservative Governor from Virginia could do to fight world communism."
2) "All good American citizens are concerned about communism, but I feel Mr. J. Edgar Hoover can handle that job very nicely without the help of the far right and the John Birch Society."

On March 1, 1960, FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, J. Edgar Hoover wrote:

1) "The defense of the cherished freedoms secured and handed down to us by our forefathers is the responsibility of each American. Knowledge of the enemy, alertness to the danger, and everyday patriotism are the brick and mortar with which we can build an impregnable fortress against communism. Only the intelligent efforts of all Americans can prevent the decay of public apathy from laying open our Nation to the Red menace."
2) "It is indeed appalling that some members of our society continue to deplore and criticize those who stress the communist danger. What these misguided "authorities" fail to realize is that the Communist Party, USA, is an integral part of international communism. As the world-wide menace becomes more powerful, the various Communist Parties assume a more dangerous and sinister role in the countries in which they are entrenched. Public indifference to this threat is tantamount to national suicide."

To date, Mr. Hoover, America's most outstanding and respected authority on the communist conspiracy, has not qualified and/or modified the above statements, ~~to exclude~~ CONSERVATIVE Governors and the John Birch Society.

Should we?

c:c J. Edgar Hoover

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Sincerely,

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November 30, 1965

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[REDACTED]
Bourbonnais, Illinois 60914

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter, with enclosure, was received on November 26th, and the interest which prompted your communication is appreciated. The kind sentiments you expressed regarding my work mean a great deal to me.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you requested. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contained no record of correspondent. The enclosure furnished was published for the American ^{Opinion} Open Book Store of Fort Wayne, Indiana. The Bureau is aware that several American ^{Opinion} Open Libraries have been founded throughout the United States, and they are closely allied with the John Birch Society.

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Bourbonnais, Ill.
November 20, 1965

John Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Bourbonnais, Ill. 60914

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have great respect for you and the magnificent job which you are doing. I would like to have your personal opinion on the John Birch Society. I recently became aware of the dangers and threats that we Americans are facing, especially from the Communists, and I felt that it was my duty to do everything that I could to defeat the Communists. Therefore, I joined the Birch Society because I felt that it was the only organization in America that was capable of turning the tide of this battle. Since I have joined, I have been opposed and criticized repeatedly from many sides.

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I know that your organization endorses no organization; however, could you tell me if you have observed anything un-American or subversive in the Society's literature or action programs? I would sincerely appreciate any comment that you would like to make.

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Very sincerely yours, DEC 1 1965
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : Mr. R. W. Smith

SUBJECT: DR. AND MRS. HARRY A. OVERSTREET
FALLS CHURCH, VIRGINIA

1 - [REDACTED] - Mr. Belmont
1 - [REDACTED] - Mr. Sullivan
1 - R.W. Smith
1 - R.S. Garner
1 - J.M. Sizoo
1 - F.J. Baumgardner

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Attached is a Xeroxed copy of page 14 of an advertisement in a special section of the "San Francisco Sunday Examiner and Chronicle" of October 17, 1965, that was prepared to support the John Birch Society. Mrs. Overstreet, who has been working with her husband on a book favorable to the Director and to the Bureau, furnished the copy for the Bureau's information. The John Birch Society has not been investigated by the Bureau, and the Director has publicly stated that he has little respect for the head of that Society since that individual has linked the names of former President Eisenhower, the late John Foster Dulles, and former Central Intelligence Agency Director Allen Dulles with communism.

The attached page carries photographs of the Director; Ezra Taft Benson, former U. S. Secretary of Agriculture; Senator Strom Thurmond of South Carolina; former FBI Agent W. Cleon Skousen, who has exploited his former Bureau career for personal gain; and a Reverend J. L. Ward of Memphis, Tennessee, who is not further identified in Bufiles. The obvious intent of the page is to show approval of the John Birch Society by the men pictured. In fact, with the exception of the Director, the advertisement quotes statements of support for the Society from the others. Under the Director's picture, a quote is presented from his March 26, 1947, statement before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, regarding his concern for liberals and progressives who have been duped into joining hands with the communists. There is a notation that the Director's statement should not be considered an endorsement of the John Birch Society since the FBI endorses no organization. It is quite apparent, however, that both the Director's photograph and his statement on fighting communism have been used in the advertisement in an effort to bring the prestige of the Director to the aid of the John Birch Society.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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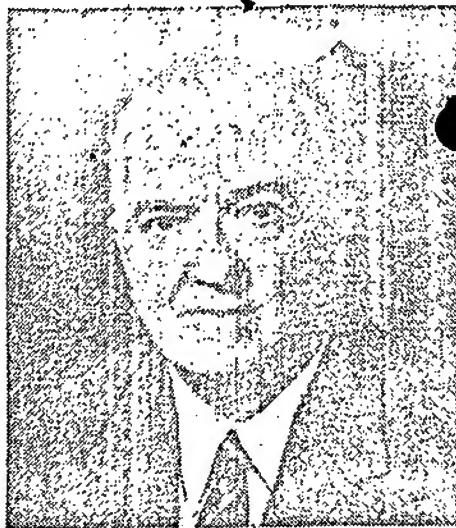
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This advertisement has previously come to the attention of the Bureau, it first appearing in the "Los Angeles Times" in the Fall of 1964. In D. C. Morrell to Mr. DeLoach memorandum dated 11-27-64, captioned "Request for the Director and General Eisenhower to reprimand the John Birch Society for its use of photographs and statements implying endorsement," our replies to specific inquiries regarding this advertisement were set out. It was noted that our policy has been to state that the Director's speeches and articles are a matter of public record and are quoted from time to time; however, their use does not necessarily mean that this Bureau has or has not "cleared" the manner in which these were employed. A specific statement was included to the effect that no permission was sought or granted in connection with the use of Mr. Hoover's photograph and statement.

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NATIONAL LEADERS SAY:



J. EDGAR HOOVER, *Director of Federal Bureau of Investigation*

"I would have no fears if more Americans possessed the zeal, the fervor, the persistence, and the industry to learn about this menace of Red fascism. I do fear for the liberal and progressive who has been hoodwinked and duped into joining hands with the Communists."

This statement made before the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, March 26, 1947, should not be interpreted as an endorsement of The John Birch Society as the FBI endorses no organization.



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"When he (son Reed) joined I expressed my opinion that I was convinced that The John Birch Society was the most effective non-church organization in our fight against creeping socialism and Godless Communism. I also stated that I admire Reed's courage and applauded his decision."

*Address Delivered December 19, 1965
Boise, Idaho.*



STROM THURMOND, *United States Senator*

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W. CLEON SKOUSEN, *Former FBI Agent and Chief of Police, Salt Lake City*

"I certainly would have no quarrel with anyone who wishes to disagree with some idea promulgated by The John Birch Society

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Greenville News, Greenville, South Carolina, February 2, 1962.



REVEREND J. L. WARD, Minister, Memphis, Tennessee

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Statement made August 29, 1964



W. CLEON SKOUSEN, Former FBI Agent and Chief of Police, Salt Lake City

"I certainly would have no quarrel with anyone who wishes to disagree with some idea promulgated by The John Birch Society. In a Republic this should be expected. However, no American should stand by and see a legitimate group of American citizens dishonestly ridiculed and smeared at the instigation of the international Communist conspiracy."

FIGHT NOW!!

"SIR! If you will not fight for the right when you can easily win without bloodshed; if you will not fight when your victory will be sure and not too costly; you may come to the moment when you will have to fight with all odds against you and only a precarious chance of survival. There may be even a worse case. You may have to fight when there is no hope of victory, because it is better to perish than to live as slaves." — Winston Churchill.

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November 30, 1965

[Redacted]
High Point, North Carolina

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of November 24th has been received and I am indeed pleased to know that you have read "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism."

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you requested. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

Enclosed is a copy of my speech, "The Faith of Free Men," which I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure

"The Faith of Free Men"

NOTE: Our letter of 8-25-65 furnished literature regarding communism and a copy of our annual report for the fiscal year 1965, which [Redacted] requested. He was not identifiable in Bufiles at that time.

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J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

After reading your March 4th report to Congress, your books, Masters of Deceit and The Study of Communism plus numerous reports from the House Committee on Un-American Activities, I am convinced that there is a true Communist conspiracy within our country. I have attended meetings of the John Birch Society and read their monthly bulletins and other items published by them.

This Society appears to me to be a true patriotic organization dedicated only to fighting Communism and subversion in our country. However, with the recent attach by the news media against the John Birch Society, I am very much concerned about my evaluation of this organization. Please send me any information pertaining to the conclusions that you or the FBI have arrived at regarding the true intent and purposes of the John Birch Society. Is this organization really as I see it - set up as a true patriotic American organization working to save our republic - or what?

Yours truly,

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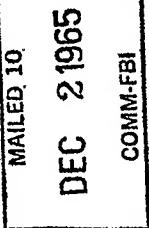
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November 29, 1965

United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Sirs:

I am a high-school [redacted] doing a term project on the John Birch Society, their significance, and the problem they may pose to our country. If it would be possible for you to send me any information at all concerning the John Birch Society, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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Sincerely,

[redacted]
Birmingham, Michigan

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Birmingham, Michigan 48010

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December 1, 1965

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Mr. Reed A. Benson
3110 Valley Drive
Alexandria, Virginia 22302

Dear Mr. Benson:

Your letter of November 29th, with enclosure, has been received, and I want to thank you for your kind sentiments concerning my administration of this Bureau.

With respect to your inquiry, Assistant Director William C. Sullivan, at my direction, has traveled to various parts of our country speaking on the menace of communism. For your ready reference, I am enclosing a copy of his address before the Highland Park Methodist Church on October 19, 1961, which is representative of the appearances he has made. I assure you he was not designated to make these speeches to counteract the charges of any specific individual.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure

NOTE: We have enjoyed cordial relations with Bruce Biossat of the "Washington Daily News." Mr. Benson is the son of the former Secretary of the Agriculture and is in charge of the local John Birch Society office.

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3110 Valley Drive
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November 29, 1965

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Justice Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed is a photostated copy of the column by Mr. Bruce Biessat which appeared in the WASHINGTON DAILY NEWS on November 27, 1965. You will note that Mr. Biessat states:

A few years ago, Mr. Hoover sent a top FBI official, William C. Sullivan, on a speaking tour specifically designed to counteract extravagant charges being made around the country by Robert Welch, head of the John Birch Society, and others to the effect that large numbers of U. S. clergymen are communists or sympathizers.

Will you be kind enough to inform me whether Mr. Biessat is correct in stating that you sent Mr. Sullivan on a speaking tour "specifically designed" to "counteract extravagant charges" being made by Mr. Welch?

Thank you, and may God bless you in your crucial responsibilities.

Most sincerely,

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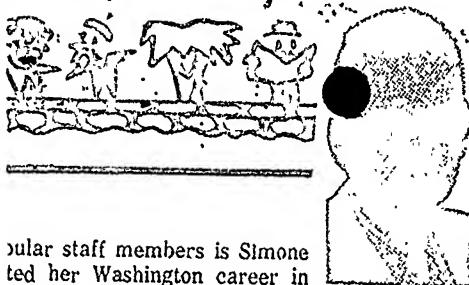
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Don't Rely on Understanding

By BRUCE BIOSSAT

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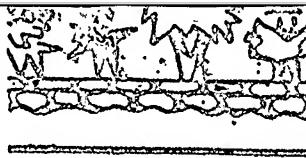
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December 3, 1965

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West Chester, Pennsylvania 19380

Dear [REDACTED]

I received your letter of November 29th and want to thank you for your interest in my book, "Masters of Deceit."

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Therefore, I am certain you will understand why I am not in a position to furnish you the data you have requested. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

Your concern about the threat of communism is understandable and your desire to learn more about the nature of this menace is reassuring. I have repeatedly emphasized it is imperative for Americans to study the objectives and operations of the communist conspiracy if we are to effectively resist its eroding influence. I am enclosing literature on the general topic of communism which includes suggestions all of us can use in combating this evil. In addition, you may wish to read my book, "A Study of Communism," which is a comprehensive study of the development and expansion of communism throughout the world. A copy may be available at your local library.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

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November 29, 1965

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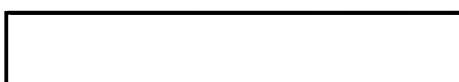
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Sincerely yours,



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[Redacted]
Ormond Beach, Florida

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of December 1st has been received, and you may be sure the information you furnished will be made a matter of record in our files.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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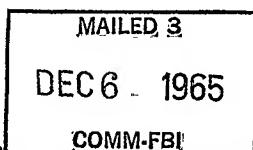
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December 1, 1965

J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am subscribing to "The Worker", starting immediately. I am doing this in order to find out the line being expressed by this official organ of the CPUSA.

I am a Section Leader of the John Birch Society and will use the information gleaned from The Worker in our continued study of the international communist conspiracy.

I wanted you and your local office to be aware of the reasons why I am subscribing to this paper.



Ormond Beach, Florida

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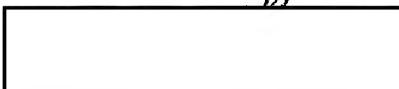
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Tahlequah, Oklahoma

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Your letter was received on December 6th.

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Personally, I have little respect for the head of the John Birch Society, since he linked the names of former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, the late John Foster Dulles and former CIA Director Allen Dulles with communism. I would like to point out that we do not issue clearances or nonclearances of any type.

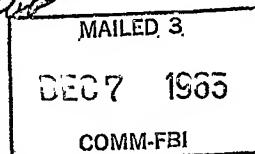
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J. Edgar Hoover
Director of F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir:

I am a student at Fortheastern State College in Tahlequah
Oklahoma. I am working on a debate in my Political Science
class. The debate is on the John Birch Society.

My reason for writing this letter is that I would like
some information. I know that the John Birch Society says that
former President Fiserhower was a communist. I am going to
bring this point up in the debate. I remembered that it was
said that the F.B.I. investagated this and cleared him. I can-
not find the inforation anywhere and would like a statement
saying that he was cleared by an investigation or something
of this sort.

I am opposed to the John Birch Society in this debate
and in my everyday thinking. In my estimation they distort
facts and twist them around to fit into their belief. I have
also come to the decision that all they want is a revolution
against our government. This I know is not right. They do have
some good points but in a majority of the cases the way they

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go about accomplishing something does not justify what they do finally accomplish.

This report is due December 14, 1965 and I will need a few days to work it into the final report.

Your time, effort, and any other information that could be used will be deeply appreciated. A quick reply will be very helpful.

Thank you very much

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Highland, Indiana

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[Redacted]
Highland, Ind

J. E. Hoover
F. B. I. Headquarters
Washington D. C.

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Dear Sir:

I received your pamphlets on communism and its dangers and I want to thank you for sending them to me. Now I have another request. Being an investigative body, I would like to know, if I may, if the Bureau has ever published any material about the John Birch Society. By this, I mean does the society have any ulterior motives that may have been uncovered in an investigation.

I realize the the F. B. I. cannot advocate joining such a society, but does it see in it any dangers to America or its Constitution by anything the society teaches.

I believe that by the Birch society wanting Americans to become more interested in the workings of their country, upholding the Constitution and always stressing morals, they can do only good for the American people. I would like to know if any investigation has revealed evidence of the contrary about the society.

Thanking you again, if there is any further pamphlets on communism, I would appreciate them. 2

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Highland, Ind

J. E. Hoover

F.B.I. Headquarters
Washington D.C.

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Dear Sir:

I received your pamphlets on Communism and its dangers and I want to thank you for sending them to me. Now I have another request. Being an investigative body, I would like to know, if I may, if the Bureau has ever published any material about the John Birch Society. By this, I mean does the society have any ulterior motives that may have been uncovered in an investigation.

I realize the the F.B.I. cannot advocate joining such a society, but does it seem at any dangers to America or its Constitution by anything the society teaches.

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I believe that by the Birch society wanting Americans to become more interested in the workings of their country, upholding the Constitution and always stressing morals, they can do only good for the American people. I would like to know if any investigation has revealed evidence of the contrary about the society.

Thanking you again, if there is any further pamphlet on Communism, I would appreciate them



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December 8, 1965

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[redacted]
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of December 4th has been received.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Charlotte, N.C.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Information Division
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

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I have recently become concerned with activities and objectives of The John Birch Society in my community, and which give me the impression of being a kind of neoteric, or hybrid Hitlerism, which may, or may not constitute a threat to the best interests of the United States and its people.

In an effort to become better informed on this organization, I respectfully solicit your advise as to what information is available regarding this organization.

Any pertinent information in this connection will be gratefully appreciated.

Yours very truly

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December 9, 1965

[Redacted]
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of December 6th has been received.

I certainly appreciate your bringing the information furnished to my attention.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Dec. 6, 1965

[redacted]
Charlotte, N.C.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In recent months the John Birch Society has launched substantial propaganda operations in Charlotte, and North Carolina generally.

Having observed these operations and reviewed some of their more pertinent propaganda, especially the manifesto of the organization - The Blue Book - by Robert Welch, founder of the Birch Society movement, it seems evident to me that this organization is another neoteric or hybrid revival of Hitlerism.

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Local leadership of the movement seize upon every opportunity to malign and character assault administrative officials of the government as well as the traditions and institutions of our system, and ultimately translate any and everything possible into a pattern of Communist conspiracy or Communist sabotage.

Considering this movement to be not in the best interest of the American people, the confidence of which these protagonists of the John Birch Society attempt to break down, and likewise considering that under a given circumstances these individuals, at least in their more fanatical elements, could prove dangerous to the security and welfare of some of our administrative officials, I have taken the liberty of briefly calling the matter to the attention of the local F.B.I. office, REC-52 62-10470-274-0 and at which time I discussed the matter with [redacted]

Now I do not wish to seem unduly alarmed by the situation. But as a citizen, and veteran of the Second World War, I deem it apropos that this matter be brought to your attention for what ever it may be worth, in its over-all aspects to the safety and security of the nation.

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Yours Very Truly

12/11/65
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Napa, California

Dear [redacted]

December 13, 1965

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Your letter of December 6th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Therefore, I am certain you will understand why I am not in a position to furnish you the data you have requested. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

Enclosed is some literature it is hoped will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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"The Faith of Free Men"
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

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Napa, California

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington,
District of Columbia

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Dear Sirs:

I am a student here in California at Napa College, and interested in obtaining some reliable information on the John Birch Society. My intentions are to write a paper supporting my opinion that this society is a threat to civil liberties. I would appreciate any information you could send me on this group.

Thank you for any help you can give me.

Sincerely,

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Napa, California

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington,
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Sincerely,

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December 15, 1965

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Seattle, Washington 98101

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of December 10th, with enclosure,
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Sincerely yours,

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Seattle, Wash. 98101

December 10, 1965

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
506 Old P. O. Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Would you be so kind as to give me your opinion of the
John Birch Society? I have enclosed a self-addressed, stamped
envelope for your convenience. Thank you.

Yours truly,

[Redacted]
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[REDACTED]
Idaville, Indiana 47950

Dear [REDACTED]

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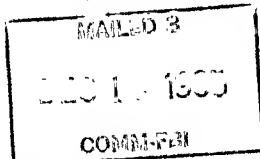
Sincerely yours,
Edgar Hoover

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Idaville, Indiana
December 10, 1965

Office of the Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, District of Columbia 20535

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

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Sincerely

/s/
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Idaville, Indiana 47950



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Solarville, Indiana
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Washington, District of Columbia 20535

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Sincerely yours,
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What Is The John Birch Society?

The Truth May Surprise You!

This week we are celebrating our seventh anniversary. We are glad to take the occasion therefore, to give as much an answer to the above question as space will permit, for those who really want to know. So—

I. Let's Start At The Beginning

The John Birch Society was founded in Indianapolis, on December 9, 1958. It was chartered under the General Laws of Massachusetts as a non-profit educational organization. We have lived up meticulously to those specifications (including not making any profit) for seven years.

During these seven years we have sought to bring into The John Birch Society only men and women of good character, humane consciences, and religious ideals. For we are striving to set an example, by dedication, integrity, and purpose—in word and deed—which our children's children may follow without hesitation.

Members of the Society are of all races, colors, and creeds. We are of all social, economic, and educational levels. We are individualists, who disagree among ourselves about many things. But we are firmly united in devotion to those beliefs, principles, and purposes which we do hold in common. For we have voluntarily joined together:

(1) To combat more effectively the evil forces which now threaten our freedom, our lives, our country, and our civilization;

(2) To prevail upon our fellow citizens to start pulling out of the deepening morass of collectivism, and then climb up the mountain to higher levels of individual freedom and responsibility than man has ever achieved before;

(3) To restore, with brighter luster and deeper conviction, the faith-inspired morality, the spiritual sense of values, and the ennobling aspirations, on which our western civilization has been built. The longrange objective of the Society has been summarized as: *less government, more responsibility, and a better world.*

II. So We Collide With Communism

These purposes bring us immediately into conflict with the Communists, on two levels. For on the ideological plane the Communists

now probably exceeded, in intensiveness and extensiveness, that faced by any other organization in all American history. And in general our defamers do not even try to refute the facts on which we focus attention. They merely call us names for bringing these facts to light.

III. And Stir Up The Politicians

The John Birch Society is in no sense a political organization. We try to give our members information, understanding, and—we hope—even inspiration, which will make them better citizens. As good citizens they may take an active part in politics. But each member does so entirely on his own, working in the party of his choice, for the candidate of his choice, exactly as do members of the American Legion or of the Knights of Columbus or of the Rotary Club or the Baptist Church.

For we regard education as the means, and political action as only the mechanics, for bringing about improvements in government. The mechanics will automatically be used when sufficient education has prepared the way. We mean it quite literally, therefore, when we say that education is our total strategy, and truth is our only weapon. Or, as made clear throughout the Blue Book and emphasized on its last page, our gigantic task is simply to create understanding.

Members of The John Birch Society, however, are extremely hard working, highly respected in their local communities, and always earnestly determined on behalf of any cause or candidate that they support. When circumstances bring any appreciable number together behind any particular candidate, their weight is out of all proportion to their numbers. And that weight is usually felt, of course, on the side of the Conservatives—of either party. So the Liberals of both parties naturally raise all the clamor they can against Birchers in politics. As the stranglehold of the Liberals on both parties now steadily increases, even Conservative politicians feel increasing pressure to "improve their images" by joining the chorus of attack on The John Birch Society. Very few of them indeed have ever realized the extent to which they were running interference for the Communists.

A related part of the mammoth and many-faceted operation which the Communists have

undertaken, is to recruit distributors of the Conservative books and reprints of approximately one hundred other publishers. And our members now operate some 350 "reading rooms that sell books," scattered throughout the country—most of them under the name of American Opinion Libraries.

We have certainly helped to reawaken, restore, and strengthen, in tens of thousands of Americans, the three great basic human loyalties: Loyalty to God, loyalty to country, and loyalty to family. The Communists know that they simply must destroy all three of these foundations of our civilization. For they can never rule "peacefully"—that is, without constant resistance—in any place or at any time where there is loyalty to anything except to the Communist state.

We were the first organization in the United States to start calling widespread attention to the worldwide Communist plot to discredit, demoralize, and destroy local police forces. Our members have distributed in leaflet form literally millions of our messages explaining what the Communists were doing in this area, and why. As a result, our *Support Your Local Police* drive has now won tremendous backing from patriotic citizens everywhere.

We are engaged in an entirely proper and constitutional movement to bring about the impeachment of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. As only one result of our educational efforts in support of that movement, we have awakened hundreds of thousands of our fellow citizens to the vital differences between a republic and a democracy. Many of them have come to realize the lengths to which our Founding Fathers went in order to give us a republic (not a democracy) — if we could keep it! And a growing number now understand how important it is to the Communists to convert this republic into a democracy as rapidly as they can.

Through the distribution by our members of huge quantities of books and pamphlets, we have brought a sizable and increasing fraction of the American people to recognize the high degree of Communist planning, influence, control, and purposes involved in the "civil rights" movement. Our increasing ability to get able, informed, and patriotic Negroes to join us in this effort, especially through continuous and

for themselves, over the whole human race. The John Birch Society does not want any power at all over anybody, either now or in the future. Agreeing with Lord Acton that "power tends to corrupt; absolute power corrupts absolutely," the Society seeks to make progress towards its goals only by education and persuasion.

(2) The Communists believe that any means may be used to attain their ends. The Society believes that improper means are never justified by even the noblest of aims, and that means are as important as ends in any worthwhile civilization.

(3) The Communists always accuse their enemies—such as The John Birch Society—of exactly those crimes which the Communists themselves are committing. We do not bear false witness against anybody, about anything.

(4) The Communists believe that words should be used to conceal thoughts; and that promises are made to be broken. The John Birch Society believes that simple truth is the very core of morality; and that when we can persuade enough people to make truth the prerequisite to all statement and the accepted guide to all action, at least half of the world's problems will rapidly disappear.

(5) The Communists operate in secrecy and darkness. We follow the preponderant custom, among all American voluntary associations, of not publishing the list of our members. With that exception, The John Birch Society has absolutely no secrets of any kind.

(6) The Communists seek to break down all morality, all tradition, and to destroy the whole spiritual and aesthetic sense of values which we have inherited. The Society believes that a reverent continuity in human affairs is of extreme importance; and that even the most desirable change should be made cautiously, in order to insure that it constitutes improvement.

(7) The Communists believe that man is just a material combination of atoms, with no other purpose than satisfaction of the desires of the physical entity thus assembled. The John Birch Society believes that a Divine Creator has endowed man with a purpose and an "upward reach" which are far superior to, and frequently prompt a willing sacrifice of, the desires and needs of the individual himself.

until the Communists can be stopped from completing their subjugation of the whole world, there will be no opportunity for us to move forward at all towards our permanent goals.

We have undertaken, therefore, to play a leading role in slowing down, stopping, and eventually routing the Communist conspiracy. We realize that the one thing *no* conspiracy can withstand is the light of day on its activities. The only danger to their gigantic conspiracy which the Communists fear is *exposure*. For this reason, we do all that we can to bring to our fellow citizens more knowledge and a better understanding of the methods, the progress, and the menace of the Communist machine. In this undertaking we have become a new form of opposition to the Communists which they have never faced before in any of the vast areas they have already taken over.

So the Communists, grasping this fact very early, set out in 1961 to destroy us. The most official Communist publication in the United States is *The Worker*, in which the line is laid down for the faithful. During the last six months of 1961 there was, we believe, only one issue of this weekly paper which did not contain an attack somewhere in its pages on The John Birch Society; and a number of issues contained as many as six or seven separate attacks on us at that many different places. The Communists got the point, and have been carrying out the indicated program with increasing furor ever since.

Of course the Communists follow Lenin's basic strategy of advancing Communism by non-Communist hands. They could never impose the tyrannical rule of some three percent of a population over the whole population — which they repeatedly do in one country after another — unless they could inveigle enough non-Communists and even anti-Communists among that other ninety-seven percent into doing their dirty work for them. Deceptively appealing, for instance, to every motivation in human character, from sordid selfishness to "practical politics" to misguided idealism, they have gradually beguiled a lot of very good Americans into joining the attack on us. Until the maligning of The John Birch Society has

Society in the public mind with the Communist Party, the Ku Klux Klan, and other so-called "extremists of the left and of the right." Our approach to the problems of today is so different from the viewpoint of the Klan that we have never knowingly admitted a member of any Klan into the Society. We estimate that about forty percent of our total membership is Catholic. Many of our finest Chapter Leaders are Jewish. And we are very proud of our small but growing number of Negro members, who are working so hard — and so courageously — with us to show our fellow citizens, both white and colored, how the Negroes are being used today by the Communists to serve Communist purposes.

So we have no similarity or sympathy whatsoever with the Klan. While the so-called American Nazi Party, according to J. Edgar Hoover, has less than one hundred members. And it is visibly given imminent publicity by some media for the very purpose of using it, by utterly false association, to discredit The John Birch Society.

Not is this campaign intended to serve simply the purpose of a vague and general discrediting of the Society; or of merely discouraging our members and prospective members. There are plotters behind it who are obviously working towards a more specific goal. They wish to establish in the public mind, and then to formalize, the concept that since the Communists and Ku Kluxers and John Birchers are all "just alike," and since the Communists and Ku Kluxers are visibly "subversive," then The John Birch Society is "subversive" too. We believe it is to this end, at least in part, that so many high ranking politicians have been reduced into speaking out against us.

IV. What Have We Accomplished?

We have established a nationwide educational army. It has a fully paid field staff. This army is fighting with facts as its only weapons. And the whole army knows that to be better informed is to be better armed.

For help towards informing ourselves first, and then others, we established a publishing division. It is now turning out books and pamphlets with a retail value of about four million

We have helped mightily to offset the emotional and extravagant tendencies of the prejudiced-and-the-poorly-informed-to-blame Communism on any one group or race or organization. The historical facts clearly reveal that the international Communist conspiracy reaches through every conceivable body it can utilize in any way to promote its ends. And we have insisted from the beginning that we are fighting the Communists — and nobody else.

The Factfinding Subcommittee of the California Senate ended the twenty-five thousand word report of its two-year investigation with these paragraphs:

"We believe that the reason the John Birch Society has attracted so many members is that it simply appeared to them to be the most effective, indeed the only, organization through which they could join in a national movement to learn the truth about the Communist menace and then take some positive concerted action to prevent its spread."

"Our investigation and study was requested by the society, which had been publicly charged with being a secret, facist, subversive, un-American, anti-Semitic organization. We have not found any of these accusations to be supported by the evidence."

What we have accomplished, above all else, is to keep The John Birch Society alive and growing, as a rallying point for the increasing number of informed and patriotic anti-Communists. Our members have achieved this result, through staggering labor and sacrifice, despite unceasing harassments, and distortions of their actions, and pressures amounting in many instances to serious persecution. And we intend to keep on growing. For we believe the incredibly vicious and massive attacks on the Society have been due, in any final analysis, *not to our mistakes and our failures, but to our successes and our progress.*

V. Which Do You Choose?

We cannot give you here the full basis for that choice. But let's put down a few point by point comparisons of the Society with its Communist enemies.

(1) The Communists seek unlimited power

that "men must learn to live" and that only through spreading sufficient hatred can the Communists succeed in ruling the world. The John Birch Society hates nobody, not even the Communists, but only the evil which they do. The Society believes that love for one's neighbor and good will towards all men should be a fundamental motivation in all human relationships.

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The Communists also *pretend* to believe — and some of them undoubtedly do believe — that Communism is "the wave of the future." We believe, instead, that the whole world is now tired of so much strife and bestiality, treason and immorality, cruelty and confusion, blasphemy and destructiveness, bitterness and fear, doubt and despair that always go hand in hand with Communism. We believe that mankind may be about ready to arise, shake off this Communist tyranny and terror, and move forward again towards a more enlightened and humane existence. We are doing everything in our power, by all honorable means, to create the understanding that will produce this result.

If you have what it takes, in character and courage, then by all means join us *now* in our epic undertaking. With the added effort of people like yourself, and with God's help — when and because we have deserved it — we shall break up this immense criminal conspiracy, and return a world gone crazy to sanity once again.

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE

Introductory Packet	\$ 1.00
Special Packet	5.00 (A thorough introduction to the Society)
ONE DOZEN CANDLES	8.00 (Twelve famous books, in paperbound editions, which give you a thorough introduction to the workings of the Communist conspiracy.)
ONE DOZEN TRUMPETS	50.00 (Twelve albums, of two full length records each, to be played in numbered sequence, which give you a comprehensive survey of all the subjects in this advertisement.)

All prices postpaid. For the above materials, or simply to have somebody from the Society get in touch with you, write to the address given below.

Executive Committee: Wm. J. Gede, Chairman, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Laurence E. Bunker, Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts; A. G. Heisolph, Jr., Sevierville, Tennessee;
Robert W. Stoddard, Worcester, Massachusetts.

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

BELMONT, MASSACHUSETTS 02178

December 15, 1965

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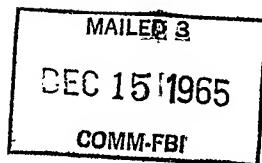
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December 8, 1965

Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Yours truly

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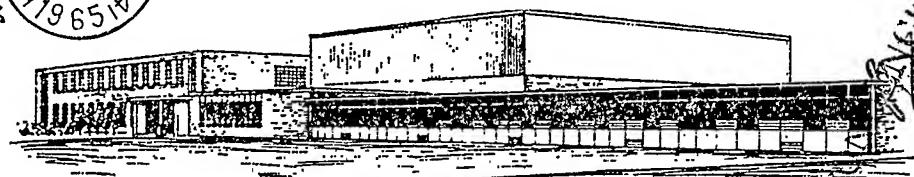
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Harbor Beach Community School

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December 14, 1965

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Muskegon, Michigan

Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter of December 7th, and I am always glad to hear from persons concerned about threats to our freedoms posed by the communist menace.

I am enclosing a copy of my speech, "The Faith of Free Men," as well as additional literature, and I hope this material will be of interest to you. Perhaps you will also want to read my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism." These were written to help readers gain an insight into the true nature of communist activities, both in this country and abroad. They may be available at your local library.

In response to your inquiry regarding the John Birch Society, I have never made any comments expressing approval or disapproval of this organization.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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The Faith of our Fathers

The Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals

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NOTE: [redacted] has communicated with us previously, and our letter of 9-13-65 advised her that the FBI was strictly an investigative agency. At that time she was not further identifiable in Bufiles. She was informed by our letter of 11-8-65 that information in our files must be maintained as confidential and the FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society. It is felt that the enclosures furnished will clarify this Bureau's responsibilities for her.

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

I hope that you don't mind me writing so much to you, and I hope that you'll forgive me for using this kind of paper.

I read an article in the Muskegon Chronicle which was trying to give the impression that you were speaking out against the "radical right wing extremists." The article contained a quotation by you stating that there were a lot of people here in this country that are going around and not knowing what they are talking about. They were trying to imply that you were talking about "right wing extremism." and referring to The John Birch Society.

Mr. Hoover, I realize and fully understand that you cannot give any evaluation of any organization or individual in specific. However, in general, what if anything have you said about "right-wing-extremism" and, also, do you feel that the internal "threat of communism to this country is great? Also, what do you suggest that people should do to act intelligently to fight the Communistic menace?

I'm very concerned, because I'm from Estonia, which the Reds gobbled up. I was born during the second world war, and my parents fled to Germany. Nine years ago we came to the United States. I think that this country is the most wonderful place to live and I'm anxious to keep it this way.

So I do hope that you understand how I feel, and will give me some statements about the communist menace and what, if anything, "right wing extremism" is.

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Santa Clara, California

Dear [redacted]

[redacted] Your letter of December 10th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, I am enclosing a copy of an excerpt taken from the "FBI Annual Report" for fiscal year 1965 and direct your attention to page 2 to the paragraph entitled "Communist Activities." You will see that it is reproduced verbatim on page 46 of the "U. S. News and World Report" for November 1, 1965.

I assure you that I have not made the statement you mentioned about the John Birch Society.

Enclosed is some literature it is hoped will be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Counterintelligence Activities (taken from "FBI Annual Report" for fiscal year 1965)
The Faith of Free Men, 10-19-65
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

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ashington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

In the Nov. 1, issue of "U.S. News and World Report" on Page 46 there is what is represented to be to be an excerpt from J. Edgar Hoover on Communism though no quotation marks are used.

Can you tell me whether this is a direct quotation from Mr. Hoover, or a paraphrase of what he has said?

Also, was it Mr. Hoover who said the John Birch Society is as much of a threat today in the U. S. as Communism was in the 1930's? If not, who did make that statement?

Thank you very much for enlightening me.

Yours very truly,

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New York N. Y.
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Washington D. C.

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I would like to obtain any literature, your opinion,
or information concerning The John Birch Society.

If you do not supply any of the above data, could
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I have been requested to join the John Birch Society.
However, as a loyal American I want to be sure of the propriety
of its standards.

I have read some of this literature and it appears to
be a sincere anti-communist organization.

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New York, New York

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of December 13th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you requested. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

Enclosed is a copy of the list of organizations which have been cited as subversive by the Department of Justice of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. Perhaps you will also wish to secure a copy of "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared and released by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. In it are listed groups and periodicals which have been cited by various state and Federal agencies, and a copy of it can be purchased for seventy cents from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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North Kingstown, Rhode Island

Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of December 15th, and it was indeed good of you to furnish me your observations.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you requested. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

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[redacted] NORTH KINGSTOWN,
RHODE ISLAND

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J. Edgar Hover
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am taking the privilege of writing you for advice and information, concerning the "John Birch society."

I have attended a few of their meetings, and as yet have found nothing in their Charter or activities, that so condemns them in the press or creates an atmosphere of such distrust.

As far as I know, they stand for Law & order, and are definitely committed to fighting communism, and all socialistic ideas pertaining to such; is it communistic work, to disavow them, by creating fear of association, or even rejecting their members in other organizations.

I am at a loss, as to the situation, and feel there must be something, that I don't understand, concerning the, "John Birch", society.

The membership seems to consist of intelligent and educated people, who are very much concerned as to the trend in America to day, and who seem determined to work against it.

In our small town, there has been quite an upheaval over this organization. The state and local Republican party has come out against the society, and as there are a number of young people who were interested in working for the party, and one member who was running on the ticket who is a member of the "John Birch"

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It would be most helpful to me, for any information if you can give it, on the John Birch society, as I have suggested several names for membership in the D.A.R. and there is quite a to do over it.

As far as I can judge both of these orginizations are patriotic and working for the same ideals.

Is there any information, as to the, "John Birch society", that may be adverse or detrimental to our Constitutional goverment or individual liberty or American ideals, or is this a techinique of Communist smear, misrepresentation and deceit.

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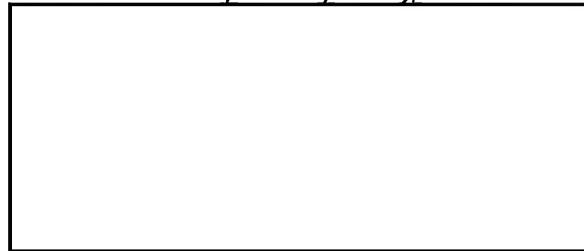
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Mojave, California

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of December 12th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, Assistant Director William C. Sullivan, at my direction, has traveled to various parts of our country speaking on the menace of communism. For your ready reference, I am enclosing a copy of his address before the Highland Park Methodist Church on October 19, 1961, which is representative of the appearances he has made. I assure you he was not designated to make these speeches to counteract the charges of any specific individual.

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For your information, data appearing in the files of this Bureau must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Therefore, I am certain you will understand why I cannot comment as you have suggested about the John Birch Society. The FBI has not investigated this group.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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December 12, 1965

J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

An article recently appeared in the Antelope Valley Ledger-Gazette, written by Bruce Biossat, entitled "J. Edgar Hoover Points Out True Communist Peril." (Washington NEA) Two of the paragraphs read as follows:

"A few years ago, Hoover sent a top FBI official, William C. Sullivan, on a speaking tour specifically designed to counteract extravagant charges being made around the country by Robert Welch, head of the John Birch Society, and others to the effect that large numbers of U. S. Clergymen are Communists or sympathizers. Hoover's own mail at that time took a very angry turn

Sullivan made that tour because Welch and other rightists were not "educating" in any normal sense but were then, as now, merely propagandizing."

As you no doubt know, Mr. Welch continually emphasizes that the infiltration of Communists as such is small, percentage-wise, but that the effect is large. However, I am deeply concerned by these paragraphs, as I am a member of the John Birch Society. I also have a great deal of respect for your judgement. My natural response to these actions purported to be at your direction is that Mr. Biossat belongs in a class with Martin Luther King, Jr. and sometimes tends to twist the truth.

I would deeply appreciate your reply as to whether you found it necessary to issue such a directive, as well as some clarification as to your opinion of the John Birch Society.

Yours truly,

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Honorable Ezra Taft Benson
47 East South Temple Street
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

Dear Mr. Benson:

I received your letter of December 9th and certainly want to thank you for sending me your views concerning the status of the Republican Party as it relates to the John Birch Society. In addition, it was thoughtful of you to furnish me a copy of the literature you enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Mr. Benson is on the Special Correspondents' List and is the former member of President Eisenhower's cabinet who is outspoken in his support of the John Birch Society. Occasionally within the past months, Mr. Benson has attempted to impress upon Mr. Hoover the necessity of rereading and studying the precepts and principles of the John Birch Society for Benson feels that Mr. Hoover perhaps erred in claiming he had no respect for the Society's head and resultant damage it has caused the image of the Society. The enclosed summary of cliches quoted the Director as an example of rebuttal to the charge that the Society is fascist. The quote is accurate and was taken from the Director's testimony before the HCUA on 3-26-47, a copy of which is attached.

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Salt Lake City, Utah
December 9th, 1965

Copy to Committee

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This letter is prompted by my interest in our country and the Republican Party, and my concern for the Truth.

In the fall of 1962 following an extensive investigation of the John Birch Society, I stated that in my opinion the Society was the most effective non-Church organization in our fight against creeping socialism and Godless communism. Today, after further study, and after spending many hours with the Society's national leadership and observing the fury and extent of the communist attack which it has received, I am even more convinced of the truth of my statement. (I am attaching a three page summary of the most common cliches used in attacking the Society, as well as a rebuttal to each.)

I am not a member of the John Birch Society, nor would I agree with everything Robert Welch has said. But I challenge anyone who believes in the Constitutional precepts of our Founding Fathers to make a thorough investigation of the Society and not be convinced that it is in the best Americanist tradition and uses only legal and moral means to attain legal and moral ends. In this regard I hope you have read the several pieces of literature which the Birch Society recently mailed to you.

Is the Republican Party going to repudiate the John Birch Society because it doesn't publish a membership list? If so, then we should also repudiate the many other organizations which exercise the same common privilege.

Are we going to berate the Birch Society because it is authoritarian in structure? If so, then we should also berate many family businesses; many churches; and other voluntary, yet authoritarian organizations to which we might belong.

Are we going to complain because the Society reserves to itself the right to screen or drop members? If so, then we should complain about the many other private organizations which claim the same right. Are we going to see that no one can be a member of the John Birch Society and a Republican at the same time, because the Society is outside the party? If so, what are we going to do about the millions of Republicans who belong to outside civic clubs?

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Are we going to condemn the John Birch Society because we don't agree with its programs? If so, what programs will we single out? Do we oppose the Society's highly successful national program of SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL POLICE and are we going to pass judgment, after examining their programs, on all other private organizations to which Republicans might belong.

Are we going to attack the Society because we don't like some of its members or endorsers? If so, we will be attacking many former F.B.I. agents, counterspies, intelligence and security officers and some high ranking officials in the last Republican administration. And finally: if we are going to start throwing people out of the party, why should we not begin with those who refused to support the national ticket and platform in 1964, rather than with the many who did?

I want to see our party strengthened--not weakened. No cabinet officer in the history of the party travelled as many miles speaking out for the party and freedom as I did. It was the rural areas, you'll recall, which supplied the broadest base of party support in the 1960 presidential election.

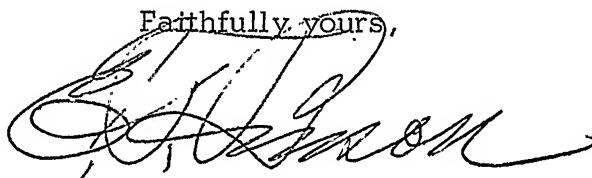
Our opposition is daily strengthening its hand, and coalescing its divergent forces. Why should we, like masochists, who gain pleasure from hurting themselves, seek to throw out of our party individuals who are not less patriotic or virtuous than we, simply because they belong to an organization which is working in a legal and moral manner to preserve freedom?

In my humble judgment any attempt to ride these fine Americans out of the Republican party could lead toward political suicide while plumbing the depths of demagoguery.

It is estimated that forty percent of the membership of the John Birch Society are Democrats. We should be trying to convert this forty percent to our side, rather than ejecting the sixty percent who are already with us.

Best wishes for a constructive conference.

Faithfully yours,



Ezra Taft Benson

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c: Members of the Republican
Coordinating Committee

SUMMARY OF CLICHES USED TO DISCREDIT AND VILIFY THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY--
WITH REBUTTAL

The John Birch Society is:

... Dictatorial:

No member of the John Birch Society is ever required--or requested--to do anything that goes contrary to his conscience or judgment. He is not required to agree with, or support all of the Society's proposed projects. The Society is a voluntary, non-profit, educational corporation which must depend for its existence on the power of persuasion--not force, as do authoritarian governments. The Society's authoritarian nature, with direction coming from the top is characteristic of many voluntary organizations, including many family businesses and a number of churches.

... Fascist:

"Anyone who opposes the American Communist," says J. Edgar Hoover, "is at once branded as a 'disrupter', a 'Fascist', a 'Red-baiter', or a 'Hitlerite' and becomes the object of a systematic campaign of character assassination." The John Birch Society, in working for its goals of less government, more responsibility and a better world, opposes every form of collectivism whether it is labeled the Welfare State, Fabianism, Socialism, Fascism, or Communism. Collectivism depends upon more government, not less; it wants less individual and group responsibility, not more; and it fosters an amoral world, not a better one.

... Secret:

The Birch Society has no secret rites or oaths, as do many organizations of a voluntary nature (such as the Masons, fraternities, sororities and some religious bodies). All of its literature is available to members and non-members alike. You can attend its meetings. The fact that it does not publish its membership list makes it no different than many groups, including the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; the American Civil Liberties Union; the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons; the Daughters of the American Revolution, etc.

... Political:

The John Birch Society does not endorse candidates, give money to candidates or recruit for political parties. Its membership is made up of Republicans, Democrats and Independents. The fact that one Bircher may often be referred to as the equivalent of ten ordinary precinct workers is simply because the Society encourages its members to be good citizens at all times. This would--and does--lead to individual action in the political arena. The recent statement that the John Birch Society will support or oppose Ronald Reagan, whichever will help him most, is an absolute falsehood. The lady who started that untruth has since

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been dropped from the Board of the California Republican Assembly. The Society tries to teach its members correct principles, and give them understanding which will help them in their civic activities. However, it does not dictate to them; it is not a political party; and it is not a wing of a political party.

...Subversive:

The John Birch Society does not advocate the overthrow of our government. Its leaders do not take the Fifth Amendment in security cases. It does not advocate or practice the breaking of the law (as do many of its opponents, such as Martin Luther King). The Society's members continue to pay taxes, even while working for the Liberty Amendment which would repeal the Sixteenth Amendment and the Marxist progressive income tax. You do not find the leadership of the John Birch Society supporting communist programs or belonging to a string of communist fronts, as you do in the case of many organizations that oppose the Society. The Society does not advocate or use illegal or immoral means to deny people their rights as does the Ku Klux Klan and the Communist party. And no member of the Klan or the Communist party has ever knowingly been allowed to join the John Birch Society.

...Anti-Negro:

There are all negro chapters and integrated chapters in the John Birch Society. The Society has negro speakers on national tours, such as George Schuyler (staff editor of the Pittsburgh Courier); Julia Brown (former F.B.I. Undercover Agent); etc.. The Society has reprinted and distributed over 100,000 copies of COLOR, COMMUNISM AND COMMON SENSE, written by the great negro patriot, Manning Johnson. And it has established a scholarship program in Manning Johnson's name for worthy negro students.

...Anti-Jewish:

There are several Jewish people in leadership positions in the Birch Society such as Louis Ruthenburg who serves on the Society's Council. You can not find one word of anti-Jewish writing from the pen of Robert Welch. This has infuriated the enemies of the Society, some of whom want to tar the Society and Mr. Welch with the Anti-Semitic brush. It has also caused the Society to be attacked by those who claim he should blame the Jewish people for our troubles.

...Un-American:

Our Founding Fathers established a Constitutional Republic. The John Birch Society feels that this Republic is the best form of government yet devised by man. Its members are urged to do all they can, both legally and morally, to save it. It is to Robert Welch's credit that he has so clearly identified those who, ignorantly or otherwise, have helped the communists to undermine this Republic. He has been too right, too soon, too often for some people, as when he called Castro a communist while the New York Times was assuring us that Castro was the Abraham

Lincoln of Cuba. Education is the strategy, and truth the weapon of the John Birch Society. In the upside-down world of the communist, where black is white and good is evil, the John Birch Society would be considered Un-American. In the world of reality, however, it is Americanist to the core.

The Bi-partisan California Senate Fact-Finding Subcommittee on Un-American Activities finished the report which followed their two-year investigation of the Society in these words: "Our investigation and study was requested by the Society which had been publicly charged with being a secret, fascist, subversive, Un-American, Anti-Semitic organization. We have not found any of these accusations to be supported by the evidence."

act the FBI was fully prepared to carry out its responsibilities. There was not one successful enemy-directed act of sabotage during the war and enemy espionage was kept under complete control.

In one of our espionage cases, a spy ring was kept under close surveillance for over 18 months. The arrests when made broke the backbone of the Nazi spy system in America. I shudder at what might have happened had there been a disclosure of our operations and our sources of information in the initial days of that investigation. That was the very time we were most criticized for inaction. I hope this Committee will understand our situation and I know you will readily agree that there are many questions that you might like to raise which I would for obvious reasons be unable to answer in a public hearing.

The Communist Party

My feelings concerning the Communist Party of the United States are well known. I have not hesitated over the years to express my concern and apprehension. As a consequence, its professional smear brigades have conducted a relentless assault against the FBI. You who have been members of this Committee also know the fury with which the Party, its sympathizers and fellow travelers can launch an assault. I do not mind such attacks. What has been disillusioning is the manner in which they have been able to enlist support often from apparently well-meaning but thoroughly duped persons.

Anyone who opposes the American Communist is at once branded as a "disrupter," a "Fascist," a "Red baiter," or a "Hitlerite," and becomes the object of a systematic campaign of character assassination. This is easily understood because the basic tactics of the Communist Party are deceit and trickery.

The great god of the American Communists, Comrade Lenin--whose writings are their Bible--in various speeches and writings urged the use of deceit and trickery and his converts live by his injunction:

"The strictest loyalty to the ideas of Communism must be combined with the ability to make all necessary practical compromises, to maneuver, to make agreements, zig-zags, retreats and so on, so as to accelerate the coming to power..." ("Left-Wing Communism, An Infantile Disorder"-- pp. 75-76, V. I. Lenin, International Publishers Co., Inc. 1940)

Lenin's views were incorporated in the "Thesis on the Fundamental Tasks of the Second Congress of the Communist International" and the following provision is familiar to all American Communists:

"In all countries, even the freest, 'legal and peaceful' in the sense that the class struggle is less acute in them, the time has fully matured when it is absolutely necessary for every Communist Party systematically to combine legal with illegal work, legal with illegal organization...It is necessary, immediately for all legal Communist Parties to form illegal

TESTIMONY BEFORE
Excerpt from HCUA on 3-26-47

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Ottawa, Ohio 45875

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of December 13th, with enclosure, has been received, and I am pleased to know that you have read "Masters of Deceit." Perhaps you will also want to read another of my books, "A Study of Communism," which contains an analysis of international communist practices and contrasts totalitarian methods with life in a free country. It may be available at your local library.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you requested or the advice you are seeking. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

Enclosed is some material which I hope you will find of interest. The envelope you furnished is being returned to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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"The Faith of Free Men"

Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

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[REDACTED]
Ottawa Ohio
12-13-65

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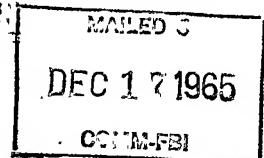
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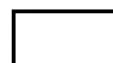
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Washington Merry-Go-Round

GOP Leaders To Ask Equal Time On Message

By DREW PEARSON

WASHINGTON — The Republican Coordinating Committee, meeting in Washington today, has an important argument brewing behind the scenes plus a dramatic move to win more support from American voters.

Drew Pearson

The latter is a State of the Union Message by the Republican party to rival the annual State of the Union Message by the President.

Republican leaders' will demand equal time at a joint session of the two Houses to hear either Sen. Everett Dirksen of Illinois, Minority Leader of the Senate, or Rep. Gerald Ford of Michigan, Minority Leader of the House, so the GOP can get an equal break in presenting its program to the nation.

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The argument brewing backstage is over the question of "extremism" and outlawing the John Birch Society.

Gov. Robert B. Smylie of Idaho has already announced that he will demand a formal resolution denouncing the Birchites. But another high-ranking GOP leader, ex-Vice President Richard Nixon, considered the spokesman for the moderates, has urged a go-slow policy. He warns that big Republican money will dry up if the Birchites are officially condemned.

Sen. Thruston Morton of Kentucky, former GOP National Chairman and the man who first spoke against the John Birch Society, is also wavering a bit. He says it may not be necessary to pass a formal resolution.

However, some of the top governors of the nation are coming to Washington all steamed up against the Birchites. They include Governors George Romney of Michigan, William Scranton of Pennsylvania, Nelson

Rockefeller of New York, and John Love of Colorado. They plan to remind their fellow Republicans of the lesson of the Goldwater defeat — namely, that the Republican party cannot temporize with extremism of either the left or the right. They will call for a forthright repudiation of the John Birch Society and all other right-or-left-wing groups.

Therefore they will recall Goldwater's disastrous speech that "extremism is no sin" and the refusal of Chairman Dean Burch and Rep. William Miller to repudiate the Ku Klux Klan. They will call for a forthright repudiation of the John Birch Society and extremists of both the right and left wings.

BEHIND PREMIER Kosygin's bitter blast at the United States last week, given to James Reston of the New York Times, are certain domestic economic developments.

Primarily, Soviet managers are having trouble with a sluggish economy. A terrible cold spell came early this year, setting back both agriculture and industrial production.

The economy has also long been held down by a heavy

the dedication. The hospital was the idea of Wladek O. Biernacki-Poray, a Montclair, N.J., architect.

With the help of Sen. Harrison Williams, D-N.J., Hubert Humphrey, then Senator from Minnesota, and Rep. Clement J. Zablocki, D-Wis., Congress provided \$18 million in counterpart funds. These are funds which Poland pays in its own currency for the purchase of American surplus wheat, with the provision that the money must remain in Poland and be used for either the expenses of the American Embassy or other American projects.

EVER SINCE the Truman administration, the United States has sold or given surplus farm products to Poland and Yugoslavia — despite vigorous criticism from the right wing. This cooperation has led to increasing friendship between the two communist countries and the increasing independence of Moscow.

Those who flew to Poland for the dedication ceremony included Zablocki:

Rep. Thomas Morgan, Pa., Edward Boland, Mass., Edna Kelly, N.Y., Harris McDowell, Del., Ronald Cameron, Calif., William Murphy, Ill., Henry Hestoski, N.J., Spark Matsunaga, Hawaii, John Kluczynski, Ill., Lucien Nedzi, Mich., Roman Pueinski, Ill., and Charles Vanik, Ohio, all Democrats; Republicans William Broomfield, Mich., Alvin O'Konski, Wis., Edward Derwinski, Ill., James Fulton, Pa., Irving Whalley, Pa., and Vernon Thomson, Wis.

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Alexandria, Virginia 22310

Dear [redacted]

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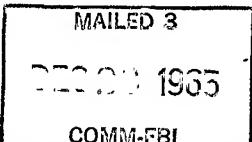
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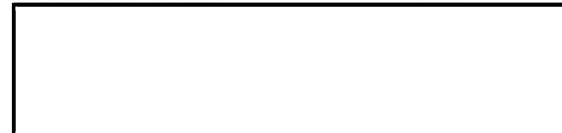
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J. Edgar Hoover
Director of
The Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

Due to the controversy and confusion over the John Birch Society numerous Political Science Majors, including myself, are left in a state of ignorance. I would like to know if there is any available information pro or con about the so called non-political Society. It seems no one wants to explain the proplexity of the Society. If possible would you please comment on the organization.

Thank You,



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Klamath Falls, Oregon

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of December 17th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, the FBI does send representatives to address organizations of various types across the Nation. Their appearances are made with my approval, and I can assure you that they have never made statements designed to counteract or repudiate the views of any group such as you mentioned. You may wish to know that the FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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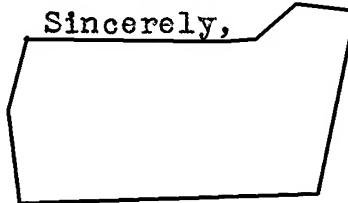
Dear Sir:

Recently I read in a syndicated column that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had sent a representative on a tour in the United States to counteract the errors and falsifications of the John Birch Society.

I have heard of much criticism of the Society, but I have never had anyone offer specific instances of error.

If a copy of the speeches given by your representative on this tour are available in print, I would appreciate receiving a copy of same.

Sincerely,



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[Redacted]
Glen Rock, New Jersey

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of December 24th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, I would like to point out that the FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society. Personally, I have little respect for the head of the John Birch Society, since he linked the names of former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, the late John Foster Dulles and former CIA Director Allen Dulles with communism.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover

On November 19, 1964 the Bergen Evening Record ran a story, Hoover Asserts King is a Liar. At the end of the article you were quoted as saying that the F.B.I. has never investigated the John Birch Society and "I have no respect for the head of the society Robert Welch."

Would you advise me if this quotation is correct, that you have no respect for Robert Welch. All the members of the Birch Society that I have met are unusually civic minded people with a great concern and pride for our country. Mr. Welch has always been a source of wonder and I have been very skeptical of him myself.

This inquiry is a matter of personal curiosity only and is not on behalf of any newspaper or any publication. Wishing you all the best in the coming year.

Sincerely yours

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[Redacted]
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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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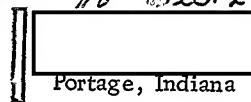
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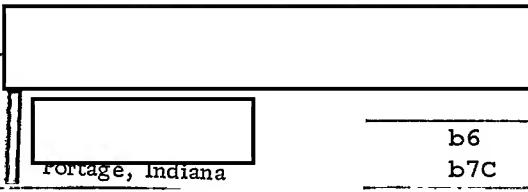
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Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Since I was a small boy you have been one of my foremost heroes. I primarily your book, "Masters of Deceit", along with the speeches of Nixon which gave my wife and I our first interest and fears in Using your book as our bible, we called ourselves anti-communists for a short period. And, as a result we met a few people quite active in they called anti-communism.

The more people we met in this movement, the more disenchanted we became. It seemed that each of them was trying to be more radical than the rest. [redacted] of Redding, asked me to attend a meeting of the John Birch Society as his guest, which I did. It seemed to me that each person there was fighting not for human rights, but for a kind of government that would protect their property rights.

The first - and last- anti-communist lecture we attended was in Redding, by Dan Smoot, who seemed to be against every individual and organization connected with government who was dedicated to working toward a peaceful country and world with a fair shake for everyone. We came home from this lecture and shortly thereafter voted for Kennedy instead of Nixon for whom we had stumped.

Since then we have studied - philosophy, great writings, history, etc. subjects we had known nothing about. And the more we studied the more ashamed we became of ourselves for having been associated with what we consider to be a radical movement for the ignorant or the greedy.

Having come to know this movement for what it is, and knowing it is your job to keep an eye on such extreme groups, we want you to know that we are not associated in any way with radicals of any kind, organized or as individuals.

I am a small town dentist and a member of the American Dental Association and the International Academy of Orthodontics. These interests and working for the future of dentistry and serving my fellow-man are my only aims.

Yours truly,

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January 6, 1966

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EW 102



Riverhead, New York 11901

Dear [redacted]

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Your letter of December 29th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you requested. Further, no source comes to mind to which I might direct you to obtain this information. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

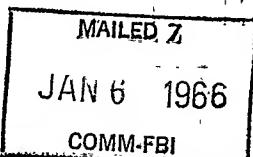
Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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December 29, 1965

[REDACTED] Riverhead, New York 11901

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Public Information Division
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Lately I have become increasingly interested in the activities of the John Birch Society, yet reliable information about this organization is scarce.

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Please send, if available, all results and opinions formulated from investigations of the society. Mainly, I am interested in finding out if the society is actually an "ultra-right wing" organization, or if their beliefs and goals are in any way detrimental to the character and organization of our government.

If no information can be released, or if none is available from the F.B.I., please advise me as to which reliable organization or agency I could apply to for accurate information on this subject.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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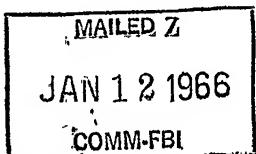
Sunland, California 91040

Dear

Your letter of January 3rd has been received, and it is always encouraging to hear from individuals who are aware of the menace communism poses to our freedoms and desire to combat this evil.

I am enclosing a copy of my speech, "The Faith of Free Men," together with additional literature. I hope you will find the material furnished of interest. Perhaps you will want to read my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism." These were written to help readers gain an insight into the true nature of communist activities, both in this country and abroad. They may be available at your local library.

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Enclosures (2)

The Faith of Free Men"

The Puritan's Prayer Shall It Be Law or Tyranny?

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Jan. 3, 66

Dear Sir,

I am an average citizen interested in fighting communists.

What is the best way for an individual to fight? Is it the John Birch Soc? I have looked in to it and am interested, but I don't want to be fooled. Can you help me?

Sincerely

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John Birch Society

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Communists.

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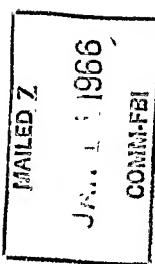
Dear [redacted]

Your letter of January 5th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you requested. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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January 5, 1966

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Public Information Officer
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Constitution Avenue
Between 9th and 10th Streets
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am [REDACTED] in high school and am writing a term paper on the John Birch Society.

Several of the sources I am reading make reference to findings of the FBI concerning this society.

Could you give me any information of John Birch or the John Birch Society? I would certainly appreciate your help.

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]

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[Redacted]
North Syracuse, New York 13212

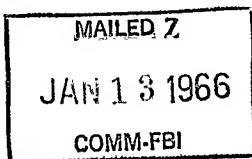
Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of January 9th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, as you are aware information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice, and I am unable to furnish the data you requested. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society and, as a matter of policy, I cannot furnish you any source where you may be able to obtain the information you are seeking.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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Jan. 9, 1966
N. Syracuse, NY

FBI Headquarters
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs,

I am interested in obtaining information concerning the John Birch Society. I understand the society is un-American and I wish to know why it is considered such.

I realize that you do not release your findings to the public, therefore, I would greatly appreciate it if you could direct me to a reliable source.

Sincerely,
/s/ [redacted]

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N. SYRACUSE, NY

FBI Headquarters
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SIRS,

I AM INTERESTED IN
OBTAINING INFORMATION CONCERNING
THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY.

I UNDERSTAND THE SOCIETY
IS UNAMERICAN AND I WISH YOU
KNOW WHY IT IS CONSIDERED
SUCH.

I REALIZE THAT YOU DO NOT
RELEASE YOUR FINDINGS TO
THE PUBLIC, THEREFORE, I WOULD
GREATLY APPRECIATE IT IF YOU
COULD DIRECT ME TO A
RELIABLE SOURCE.

Sincerely,
[Handwritten Signature]

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EX-107

[REDACTED]

East Greenwich, Rhode Island 02818

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of January 11th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you requested. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

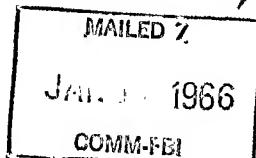
Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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[redacted]
East Greenwich, R. I. 02818
January 11, 1966

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

This year I have selected the John Birch Society as
the subject of my term paper for my [redacted] in high
school. I know nothing about this group except that it
is a controversial subject and should make interesting
research.

If you have any material available, particularly of
an opposition nature that would be helpful, I would ap-
preciate your sending it to me.

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]

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January 17, 1966

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[REDACTED]
Attack Communist Tactics
Post Office Box 171
Ashby, Massachusetts 01431

EX-113

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of January 12th has been received, and I want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing. It is indeed a pleasure to know that you found my book, "Masters of Deceit," of benefit. You may wish to refer to my latest book, "A Study of Communism," which contains an analysis of international communist practices and contrasts totalitarian methods with life in a free country. It may be available at your local library.

You may be certain I appreciate your interest in furnishing me your observations and comments.

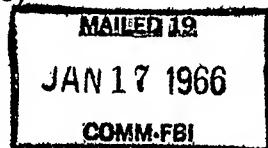
Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent and the organization Attack Communist Tactics are not identifiable in Bufiles.

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Mr. Hoover,

I have just completed reading your book, Masters of Deceit. It is a monumental work - I regret having waited so long to read it. I am fortunate to be a member of the Birch Society & have been digesting their material for 1 year.

Masters of Deceit is excellent & we have just purchased 20 to distribute. I have one favor to ask - perhaps - it may already be underway. It is for another book. With less theory and more of the actual act, transmission, & dynamics. A book nameing & exposing Alger Hiss, Martin Luther King, the Watts Riots, the New England power blackout & Communist domination of the news media.

You, Mr. Hoover, are one of the undisputed atherities who is recognized by every right group & body. And today, more so, than in Franklins' "United we will stand - divided we will surely fall." /thank- you to a great patriot - and your fine book.

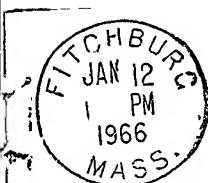


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Attack Communist Tactics

P. O. Box 171

Ashby, Massachusetts 01431



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John Birch Society

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MASTERS OF DECEIT is EXCELLENT & WE HAVE JUST PURCHASED 200 TO DISTRIBUTE. I HAVE ONE FAVOR TO ASK - PERHAPS - IT MAY ALREADY BE UNDER WAY. IT IS FOR ANOTHER BOOK. WITH LESS THEORY AND MORE OF THE ACTUAL ACT, TRANSMISSION, & DYNAMICS. A BOOK NAMEING & EXPOSING ALGER HISS, MARTIN LUTHER KING, THE WATTS RIOTS, THE NEW ENGLAND POWER BLACKOUT & COMMUNIST DOMINATION OF THE NEWS MEDIA.

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YOU, MR. HOOVER, ARE ONE OF THE UNDISPUTED AUTHORITIES WHO IS RECOGNIZED BY EVERY RIGHT GROUP & BODY. AND TODAY, MORE SO, THAN IN FRANKLIN'S "UNITED WE WILL STAND : DIVIDED WE WILL SURELY FALL." THANK YOU TO A GREAT

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CORRESPONDENCE

January 17, 1966

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[redacted]
Morrison, Illinois 61270

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of January 10th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you requested. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

I would like to point out that this Bureau is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that it is not possible to be of help to you in this instance.

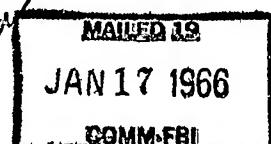
Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: On the basis of information furnished, correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. On 5/8/64 the Sheriff of DeKalb County, Illinois, was furnished the results of an examination conducted by the Document Section of our Laboratory. One of the specimens examined was a worthless check signed [redacted] of Sycamore, Illinois. It is not known whether this reference is identifiable with correspondent.

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[REDACTED]
Morrison, Illinois

January 10, 1966

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director of F.B.I.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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John Birch Society

During the past few months I have been approached a number of times by a member of the John Birch Society and given pamphlets to read printed by the organization.

These pamphlets stated alleged facts against our policy in Viet Nam, blaim Mr. Eisenhower for giving the Communists a stronger foothold in the U. S. and also claim that we have a strongly controlled press. It seems to me they preach against our laws, leaders and policies rather than for them.

I can not believe these accusations. Neither can I understand how they can make these slanderous statements in print without a liable suit brought against the Society itself.

I would like to know your honest personal opinion towards the John Birch Society; the truth about this seemingly subversive organization. I would also like to know how I as one American citizen, a believer in and supporter of my country and its leaders can work against this particular organization and any other like it. Or am I wrong?

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I will welcome and pass on to my friends any pamphlets or information I may receive from you.

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Thank you for your time in reading this letter and concern in answering.

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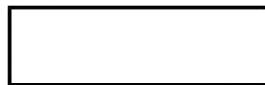
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John Birch Society

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Director of F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

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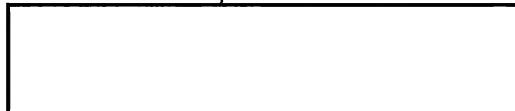
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Sincerely,



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January 18, 1966

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[Redacted]
Middletown, New Jersey 07748

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of January 12th has been received, and it was indeed good of you to furnish me your observations.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you requested. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

Enclosed is a copy of my speech, "The Faith of Free Men," which I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

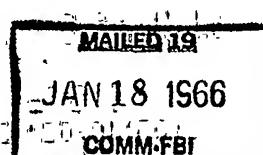
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Enclosure

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Middletown, N.J.
Jan. 6, 1965

The Federal Bureau of Investigations
Washington
D. C.

Dear Sirs:

This past year has made me stop and think and fear for the security of my country. Several things have happened here in my little town, which you probably never even heard of, that alarms me. Some of the things [redacted] is

[redacted] telling me is shocking, such as one of the ways to get the legislation passed that you want is to march on the capitol. Recently I went to church and sat and listened to an atheist praised and the church condemned for driving him away. Then the following Sunday, I listened to a prayer "for the wonderful youth organizations that help our youth walk straight and tall". Just newspaper headlines are enough.

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Now this is my question: I am thinking of joining the John Birch Society but am a little afraid to because they are so condemned in the press. However, I know of nothing they have done that I disagree with. They seem to be good loyal Americans really interested in learning the workings of the Communists and just how they operate and how to fight them. I read many letters written by them to the local newspapers and published in the readers column and I find them highly informed and non-controversial.

Would you please let me know if the F. B. I. has investigated this society and if so, is there any reason I should not join them.



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Thank you very much,

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Middletown, N.J.

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62-104401-2769

January 17, 1966

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[Redacted]
Milford, New Hampshire 03055

Dear [Redacted]

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Your letter of January 11th has been received, and I want to thank you for the complimentary remarks you expressed.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you requested. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

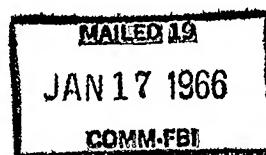
Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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[Redacted]
Milford, N. H.
Jan. 11, 1966

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover:

Dear Sir:

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I am writting to ask your personal opinion if it would be proper for a truely Patriotic American Citizen to belong and pay dues to The John Birch Society? If they are o. k. are there other organizations of this type in my locality which it would be proper to belong to?

I hate to say this and I really don't want to believe it, but I am begining to feel you are the one person I know, by name and position, that I would trust the answer to these questions.

I sincerely hope you can find the time to answer my questions.

Thanking you so much.

/s/

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Tilton, N.H.

Jan. 11, 1966

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January 18, 1966

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North Babylon, New York 11703

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of January 10th has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you requested. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

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Enclosed is a copy of my speech, "The Faith of Free Men," which you requested. You will note I did not mention the John Birch Society in my remarks.

Sincerely yours,

[redacted] Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles reveal correspondent to be the [redacted] for the city of New York. He is on our mailing list to receive the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin. Since she did not furnish [redacted] name, it is felt appropriate to address her in the above manner.

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January 10, 1966

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Dept of Justice
Washington D.C. 20535

Gentlemen;

Some months ago my husband received a copy of a speech made by J. Edgar Hoover at a dinner in his honor. At the time I read it quickly & laid it aside. In this speech he made reference to the John Birch Society. The subject has come up in our neighborhood quite a bit of late & I would like to be better informed. I would appreciate it if you could find a copy of the speech to send me, I would also value any other information you could give me about the John Birch Society.

Thanking you, I remain

Very truly yours,

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January 10, 1966.

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United States Dept of Justice
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Very truly yours



January 19, 1966

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Red Bluff, California 96080

Dear []

Your postal card of January 11th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to furnish the data you requested. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

Enclosed is a copy of the publication you requested. I am also sending you a copy of my speech, "The Faith of Free Men," and I hope the material furnished will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

W Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (2)

What Young People Should Know About Communism "The Faith of Free Men"

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Gentlemen:

Please send me the booklet you advise -

"What young People should know about Communism."

O We also would like to know something about the John
Birch society. Thank you.

/s/ Red Bluff-

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Washington 25, D.C.

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Postscript:

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~~R. P. [redacted] sent me the bracelet you
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"What young People should know
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January 19, 1966

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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15235

Dear [redacted]

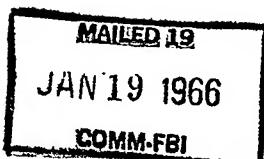
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J. Edgar Hoover



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PITTSBURGH, PA 15225
TELEPHONE [redacted]

January 14, 1966

Federal Bureau of Investigation
J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Washington D.C.

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Dear Sir;

I feel I need assistance in the form of advice from you in making a decision.

My wife and I have been asked to join the John Birch Society in our suburban area of Pittsburgh and after attending a meeting held at the home of the chapter chairman we are interested by what seem to be the overall aims as presented to us.

On the other hand we have natural feelings of caution that perhaps we are being told only things which are inviting to us at this time. The Society has been accused of extremes from time to time.

Will you advise us if there is anything about the John Birch Society, its principles or aims that you would warn or caution us about.

We have lived in Pittsburgh, Pa. all our lives. presently in the Penn Hills section, have [redacted] son, [redacted] graduating from High School. I have been a realtor and insuror for [redacted] and very much concerned for the present and future of America.

Your guidance will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely

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62-104401-2773

January 20, 1966

Elkins Park, Pennsylvania 19117

Dear

Your letter of January 17th has been received.

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This Bureau is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual.

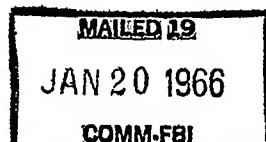
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Elkins Park,
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January 17, 1966

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

My husband is a Chapter leader and also a Section leader for the John Birch Society. I agree with everything the Society stands for, but with all the criticism it has been getting from the press, private citizens and even some government officials, it is very disheartening. Some individuals have even accused it of being a communist front organization. This is very hard to take.

Please Mr. Hoover, could you please send some source of reassurance on this subject to me, to prove that the John Birch Society is made up of true Americans that love their Country and are deeply concerned with keeping it free.

With greatest respect

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Elkins Park, 19117
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Towson, Maryland 21204

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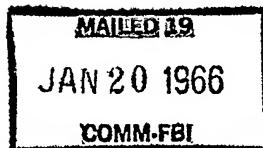
Your letter of January 18th has been received, and I want to thank you for the kind sentiments you expressed regarding my work.

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J. Edgar Hoover



Enclosure
"The Faith of Free Men"

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J. Edgar Hoover

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TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204

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January 18, 1966

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

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I know you openly fight communism and in this I
know all loyal Americans applaud you.

I have recently been introduced to an organization,
The John Birch Society, found for the sole purpose
of combating communism in the U.S. As far as I am
able to ascertain their basic aim is for truth,
God, and country.

Would you please tell me what you know of the
John Birch Society and if it could in any way be
Un-American to belong to this organization.

I thank you in advance for your consideration.

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Very truly yours,

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Aurora, Illinois 60506

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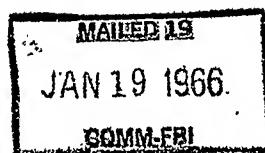
Your letter of January 15th, with enclosure, has been received. I want to thank you for bringing this information to our attention.

You may be sure this Bureau will continue to do everything within its power to discharge its responsibilities with the highest degree of thoroughness and dispatch.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

**John Edgar Hoover
Director**



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January 15, 1966
Aurora, Illinois

J. E. Hoover

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

A friend of ours who is a member of the John Birch Society sent us the enclosed paper re: the New York Blackout. We do not approve of the above mentioned organization and feel that communists should be investigated by your Bureau, not a fearful uninformed public, therefore I am forwarding it to you; even tho you are undoubtedly aware of the charges in it.

Sincerely,



Aurora, Illinois

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~~THE BLACKOUT REPORT~~

The Federal Power Commission's report on the unprecedented Northeast Blackout of November 9 is about as elucidating as a wet rag. Written in a turgid, convoluted English full of technological jargon it fails to explain, in the first place, what caused the blackout. It merely states: "Measures have already been taken by Ontario Hydro to prevent the same relays from triggering another power failure." That is all the report tells us about the cause of the blackout. We are not told what happened to the "relays," whether a human hand attached to a body with a Marxist oriented brain had tampered with them, or whether these relays, with their own little minds, decided to "trigger" the blackout. Since this is the first time in history that such a massive power failure has taken place one is justified in asking why relays have suddenly become so undependable. In fact, the report states: "While we are unable to say that another blackout of similar magnitude is impossible, we regard the possibility of a recurrence as remote." In other words, please expect more blackouts.

The report thus recommends that subway systems build "auxiliary lighting facilities for stations and tunnels" in case of another power failure. It also recommends that skyscrapers install "auxiliary power supply adequate to move at least one elevator at a time to evacuate passengers." It even recommends the installation of "mechanical cranks or levers" so that elevators stuck between floors can be moved manually. In other words, the F.P.C. (Federal Power Commission) suggests preparing for another blackout by installing isolated auxiliary power systems in buildings, gas stations, etc. As for an entire city providing power for itself, the F.P.C. frowns on such ideas. "Isolated systems are not well adapted to modern needs either for purposes of economy or

service," the report states.

In other words, it's all right for a skyscraper, a gas station, or a hospital to have an isolated power system, invulnerable to a widespread blackout. But it's not all right for a whole city to have one. Because if it did, the Federal Power Commission could not control it!

In fact, the F.P.C. report recommends creating the conditions in which power failures will become even bigger and better. The report states:

We recommend even closer working relationships between Canadian and U.S. operating organizations on the one hand and between Canadian and U.S. government authorities on the other. . . .

We recommend an acceleration of the present trend toward stronger transmission networks within each system and stronger interconnections between systems. . . .

By "fully coordinated" or "integrated" we mean that the interconnected system, whether of a single company or a pool of many companies, is designed, planned and operated as a unit, so that each part will fully reflect the duty which might be imposed upon it as a part of the system.

And, of course, there has to be more legislation. What with the growth of "interstate power networks," the Federal Government must get its sticky paws even more deeply into it. If not, the terrible privately owned power systems might plot to create power failure after power failure. And, as any government bureaucrat will tell you, you can't trust a capitalist! (*The New York Times* also shares this attitude and even criticized the F.P.C. chairman, Joseph C. Swidler, in its edi-

torial of Dec. 18, 1965, because he did not go far enough in his recommendations. "A flaw in Mr. Swidler's plan," wrote the *Times*, is that it offers no protection from those nasty utilities "that, operating within a state's borders, refuse to pool their power.")

The F.P.C. report, of course, ended on a reassuring note: "There can be no absolute assurance that outages (failures) of the Nov. 9 magnitude will not recur."

No sooner was this said than a power blackout, similar to the one which hit the Northeast, struck the Southeast Texas area. According to an Associated Press dispatch in the December 7, 1965 issue of *The Shreveport Times*, "Nine counties were directly affected, while power surges caused disruption in some companies in the highly industrialized Beaumont-Port Arthur-Orange Triangle in far Southeast Texas." The cause of the failure had something to do with a "line linking the company's Neches River plant at Beaumont and the Sabine River station at Bridge City."

This was the second Texas power failure in a week. Only five days before, on December 2, the lights went out in a 20,000 square-mile area including El Paso, Texas, Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, and southern New Mexico. That blackout was not caused by a whimsical relay but the failure of a "neutral gas regulator." Had the regulator been tampered with by a human hand attached to a Marxist oriented body? We don't know. What we do know is that all of a sudden, important little gadgets, which control whole electrical systems, are becoming somewhat undependable. As everyone knows, you can kill a whole human being by shooting him in the back of the neck. Is it not possible that a small group of saboteurs who have penetrated our major power facilities have studied

the grid system with sufficient thoroughness to know exactly where the controlling links are? Is it too far-fetched to imagine that our enemies have studied the vulnerabilities of our industrial civilization and are learning how to paralyze us at the push of a button?

To indicate how realistic our supposition is, let us merely read the May-June 1964 issue of *The Crusader*, a small newsletter published by one Robert F. Williams, a Negro American Communist operating out of Havana. Mr. Williams, who has been highly praised by Mao Tse-tung and is wanted by the FBI on a kidnapping charge, writes:

"The American society is a highly industrialized complex. A highly industrialized and mechanized system is also a very sensitive one. The more machinery required to serve a community the greater the incidence of mechanical breakdown. The more dependent a community is on mechanization, the more important it is for the wheels of industry to perpetually turn smoothly. Social systems, like biological systems, tend to adjust to environmental conditions and requirements. The American society, over a long period of time, has adjusted itself to a high rate of productivity directly bearing on the relativity of consumption.

"The physical conditioning of a society also manifests certain relative psychological traits. The American mind has been conditioned to think of great calamities, wars and revolutionary upheavals as taking place on distant soil. Because of the vast upper and middle classes in the USA, that have grown accustomed to comfortable living, the nation is not psychologically prepared for massive violence and a sudden disruption of the essential agencies of the affluent society. The soft society is highly susceptible to panic."

In the February, 1964, issue of *The Crusader* Mr. Williams wrote:

"When massive violence comes, the USA will become a bedlam of confusion and chaos. The factory workers will be afraid to venture out on the streets to report to their jobs. The telephone workers and radio workers will be afraid to report. All transportation will grind to a complete standstill. Stores will be destroyed and looted. Property will be damaged and extensive buildings will be reduced to ashes. Essential pipe lines will be severed and blown up and all manner of sabotage will occur. Violence and terror will spread like a firestorm. A clash will occur inside the armed forces. At U.S. military bases around the world local revolutionaries will side with Afro G.I.'s. Because of the vast area covered by the holocaust, U.S. forces will be spread too thin for effective action. U.S. workers, who are caught on their jobs, will try to return home to protect their families. Trucks and trains will not move the necessary supplies to the big urban centers. The economy will fall into a state of chaos.

"This racist imperialist oppressor will not be brought to his knees, simply because of the fighting ability and military power of the Black Freedom Fighters and their allies inside the U.S., but because of the creation of economic, chaotic conditions, total disorganization, frustration of his essential and ultra vital organs of production, and adverse conditions created by the world wide liberation struggle. Such a formidable enemy will fall prey to the new concept of revolution because of his ultra modern and automated society and the lack of psychological conditioning of his forces. . . .

"The new concept of revolution defies military science and tactics. The new concept is lightning campaigns conducted in highly sensitive urban communities with the paralysis reaching the small communities and spreading to the farm areas. . . . The new concept is to huddle as close to

the enemy as possible so as to neutralize his modern and fierce weapons. The new concept creates conditions that involve the total community, whether they want to be involved or not. It sustains a state of confusion and destruction of property. It dislocates the organs of harmony and order and reduces central power to the level of a helpless, sprawling, octopus. During the hours of day sporadic rioting takes place and massive sniping. Night brings all out warfare, organized fighting and unlimited terror. . . ."

It is, of course, too much to assume that Mr. Williams would have overlooked the possibilities of massive power failures in his plans to paralyze the United States.

It is, of course, of additional interest that the following paragraph appears at the end of each issue of *The Crusader*:

"Help build *The Crusader*! We need volunteer distributors throughout the world. We, especially, need people in the black ghettos to pass our message along. Help by distributing *The Crusader* in your church, school, club, place of employment or unemployment line. Financial contributions needed, also Jazz records for Radio Free Dixie. Send for your bundle today to: THE CRUSADE, MRS. ANNE OLSON, 21 ELLIS GARDENS, TORONTO 3, ONTARIO, CANADA."

Who is Mrs. Anne Olson? Why she is the wife of Mr. Verne Olson. Who is Mr. Verne Olson? Why he is a Technician in the Electrical Research Division of the Ontario Hydro Power Commission, which by the most interesting of coincidences operates the Sir Adam Beck-Niagara Station No. 2 where the relay trouble occurred. The Research Division of Ontario Hydro is located at 200 Kipling Avenue South, Islington, a suburb of Toronto, and can be reached by telephone. We suggest that the F.P.C. call Mr. Olson and ask him what caused the blackout. ■ ■

The Review Of The NEWS

December 16-22, 1965

I know - just rubbish and coincidence, but in the right hands it ought to at least be good for stirring up another sermon titled "Danger on the Right!"